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Communication disorders...

...begin with stifling your own emotions.

Communication 224: Wig

2-1
PERFORMANCE
THE
COLD-BLOODED
RINCESS
ONDERFUL
FFER MY
MOTION
GUN!-
IT WAS SO EMOTIONAL !!
!
!
!
THAT WAS AMAZING !!
GREAT PERFOR-MANCE!!
BLUSH
BLUSH
!!
YOUR VOICE SENT SHIVERS DOWN MY SPINE.
BLOOOOOM
THE LAST SCENE WAS STUN-NING.
FIRE!
GLANCE
!

IT WAS, UM...

!

UM ...

...I'M IMPRESSED AT HOW YOU SAID YOUR LINES.

...R-REALLY GOOD.

IT WAS...

...

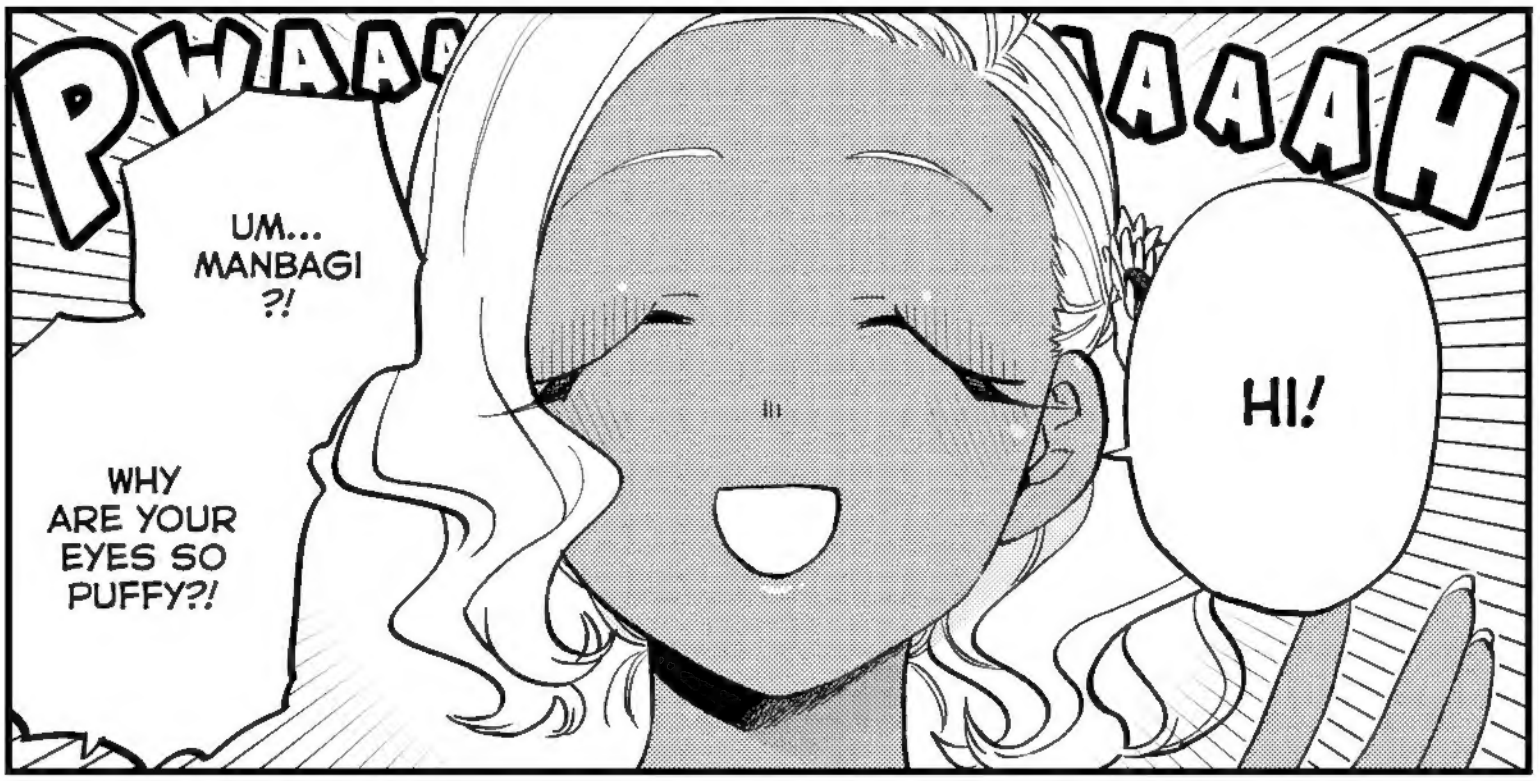
...

!

WE GOTTA SHOW THEM UP!!

RAAH

NOW FOR *OUR* PERFOR-MANCE!


PWAAA
AAAH
UM... MANBAGI ?!
WHY ARE YOUR EYES SO PUFFY?!
HI!

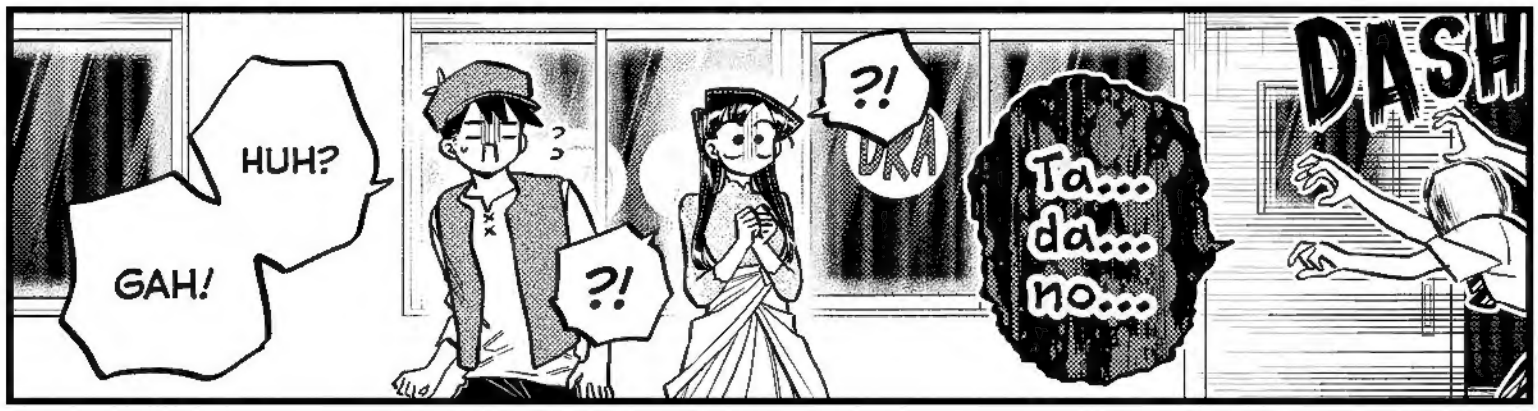
BUT I'M TOTALLY FINE! I'LL BE READY FOR MY PERFOR-MANCE!
AH HA HA
YOUR PERFOR-MANCE! IT HAD ME SOBBING LIKE A BABY!

DOINK
Apply cold drink! Reduce puffiness!

HMPH
!
GWUP
GOOD LUCK ON STAGE!
WE'LL BE WATCHING FROM THE AUDIENCE!

...
THANKS!
OKAY! I'LL DO MY BEST!
1
DRA
3
CULTURE FESTIVAL
...nooo...
Taaa... daaa...

They're jealous because Komi said she likes him, even if it was just a line in the play.
?!
DASH
You... must... paaa- aaay ...!!


HUH?
GAH!
?!
?!
DRA
Ta... da... no...
DASH

?!
Gimme your auto graph!
That was wonderful!
Oh, Komiii!

TROMP
?!
Ta... da... no!!
DRA
MA

TADANO ...

YOU...

DASH DASH

P- PLEASE, HAVE M- MERCY!

SH- SHE WAS JUST ACTING!

YEAH!

Gasp

?!

TELL US!

Sob

...M-MUST TELL ME WHAT YOU DID IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE TO DESERVE SUCH AWESOME KARMA!!

DASH DASH DASH DASH DASH

UH... FORMER STUDENT COUNCIL PRESI-DENT?!

...TADANO, BABY!

YOU'RE SO POPULAR ...

ORDER?!

YEP!

NOPE! I'M SETOKA, DA BUNNY WHO PWESERVES ORDER AT DIS FWESTIVAL!

YOU DO? WHAT IT IS?

I KNOW A WAY TO PROTECT YOU.

SO HAVE NO FEAR, TADANO.

WHAT A WEIRDO !!

Take off your clothes... C'mon, strip down... Strip down...

Bunny's orders!

I'M DRESSED LIKE A GIRL!

I C-CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!

GACK!!

Bwa ha...

...AS YOU ENJOY THE FESTIVAL!

NOW NO ONE WILL BOTHER YOU...

*Tadano

SHUV

Good luck!

?!

SO GET GOING!!

SWOOOSH

IT WORKED?!

HUH?! WHERE'D TADANO GO?!

FLINCH

!!

TADA NOO OOO!!

...BUT NOW I FEEL BETTER!

Is that a thug ?!

He's huge...

S1

MOCHI

I WAS SO NERVOUS THAT MY TUMMY GOT UPSET...

!

GLANCE

GLANCE

BABMP

HUUUH ?!

TMP TMP TMP

BLUSH

OH! HI, KATAI!

*He doesn't realize it's Tadano.

WHY IS THIS CUTE GIRL TALKING TO ME?!

...BECAUSE MY LIFE IS IN DANGER.

IT'S COMPLI-CATED, BUT I'M WEARING THIS...

W-WHY DID SHE SAY MY NAME?!

OKAY, GOT IT.

I'LL PROTECT YOU.

?!

WHAT A SWEET-HEART!!

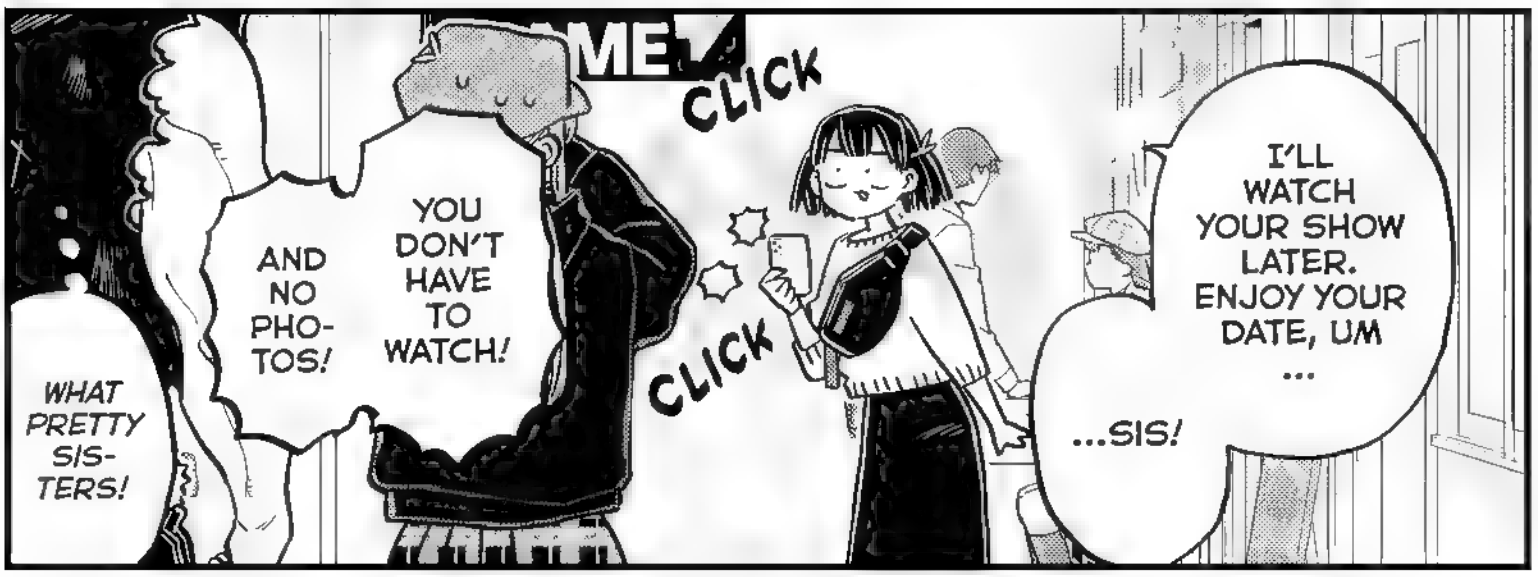
BABWUMMMD

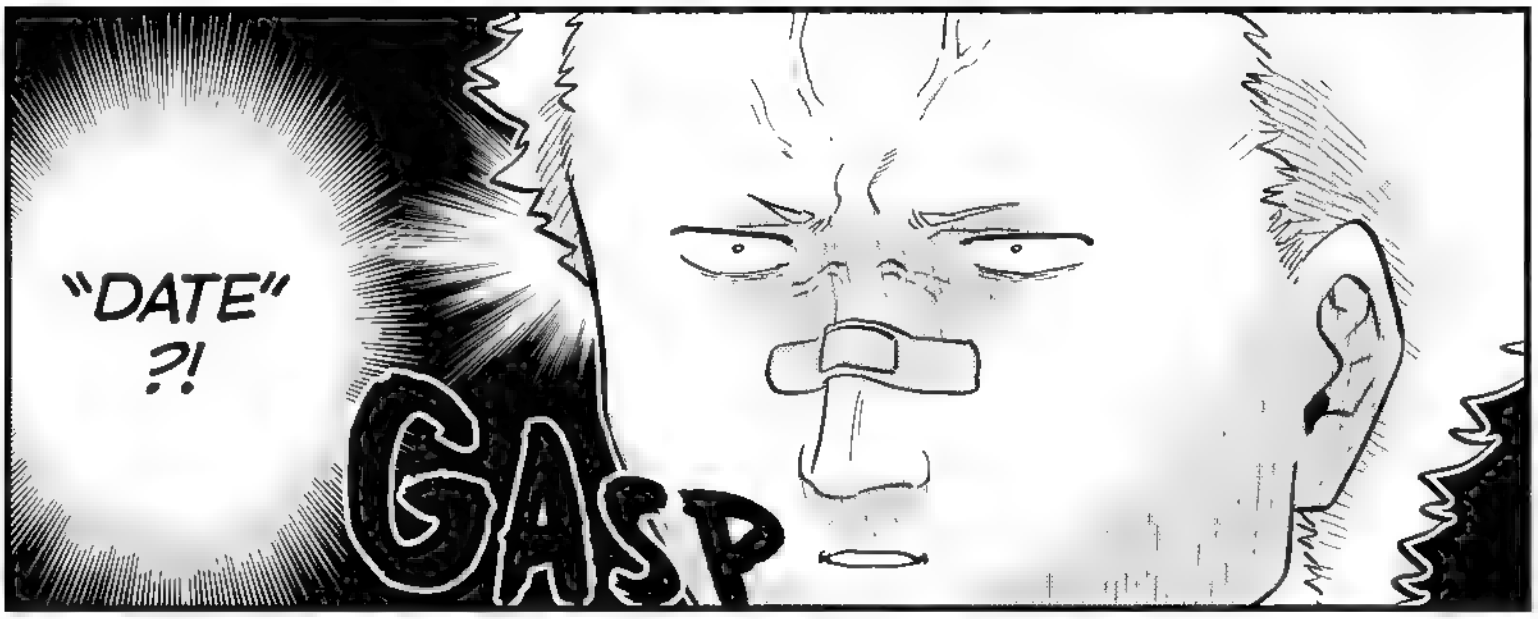
TH-THANKS. I HOPE IT'S NO INCONVE-NIENCE.

Wasn't at last year's culture festival
CULTURE FESTIVALS ARE THE BEST!!
WHAT AN ELEGANT CREATURE WALKING BESIDE ME!
MANSION
MANSION
OH, THAT'S TADANO.
Want some sweets?

...
...

A (sorta hunky) boy
Her brother (dressed like a girl)
DON'T MAKE ASSUMP-TIONS AGAIN!
UMMM ...


ME
CLICK
CLICK
WHAT PRETTY SIS-TERS!
AND NO PHO-TOS!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WATCH!
I'LL WATCH YOUR SHOW LATER. ENJOY YOUR DATE, UM ...
...SIS!


"DATE" ?!
GASP

D-DATE?! KYAH!!
NONE-THELESS, I MUST PROTECT THIS DAMSEL!!
?
B-BUT WHAT ABOUT TADANO?!

...BUT I FEEL COMFORT-ABLE AROUND HER.

A bit nervous, but...

I'M NO GOOD WITH GIRLS...

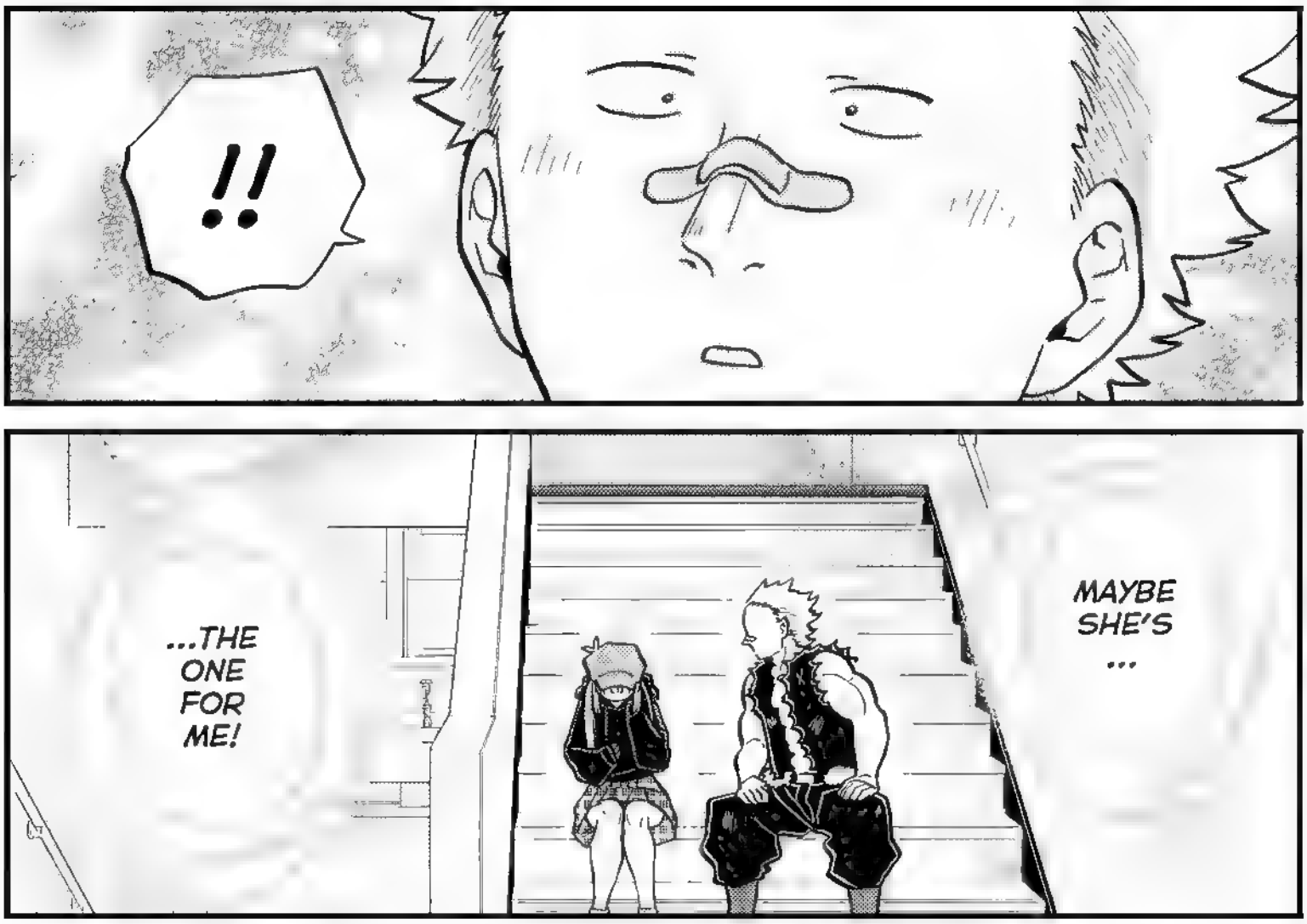
I THINK IT'S SAFE NOW.

MAYBE SHE'S...

SMILE

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

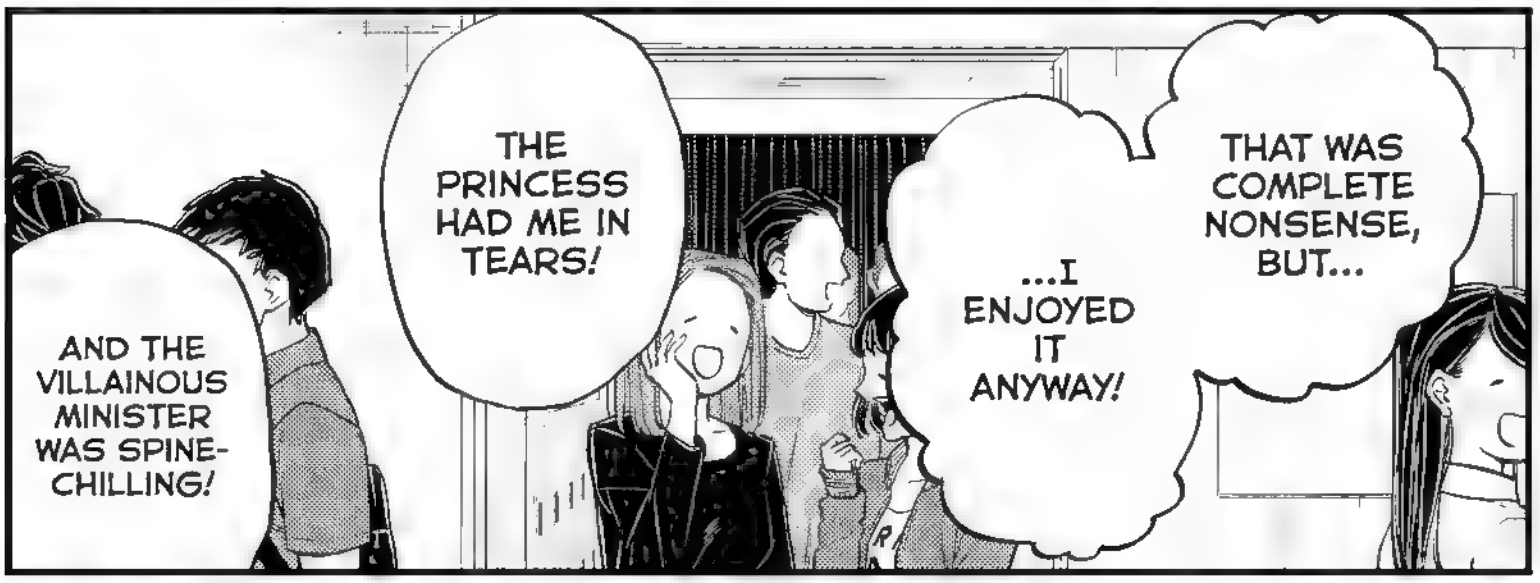
YOU TOTALLY SAVED ME!

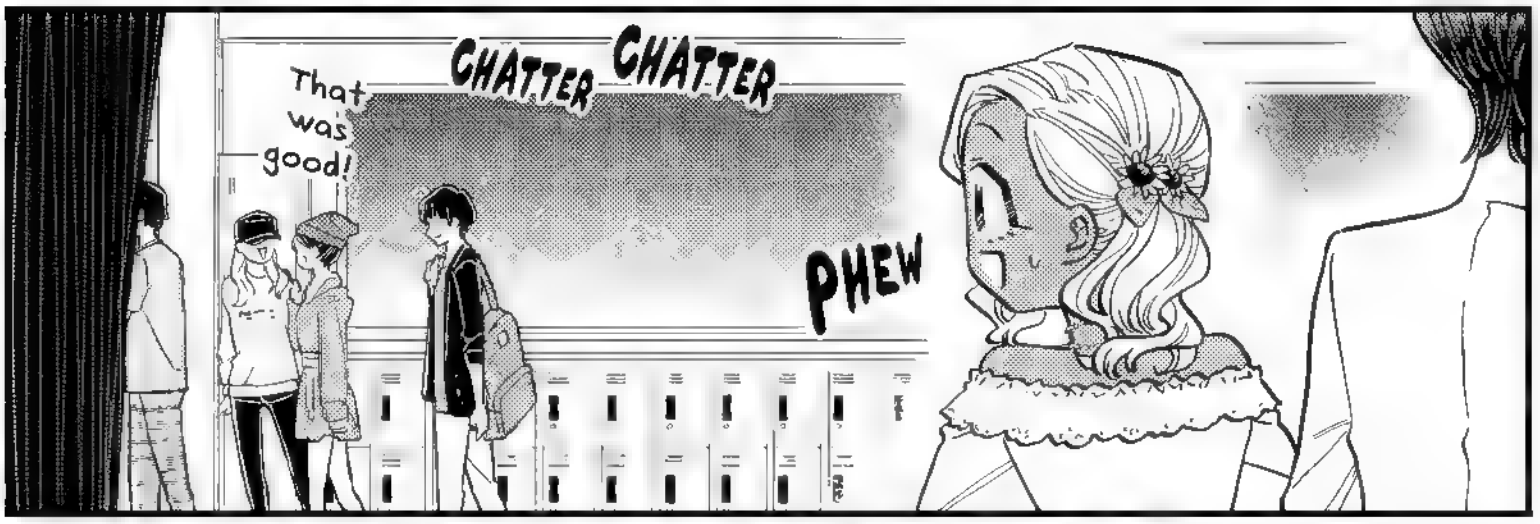

!!
...THE ONE FOR ME!
MAYBE SHE'S ...

SWUF
WHEW! WIGS ARE SO HOT!

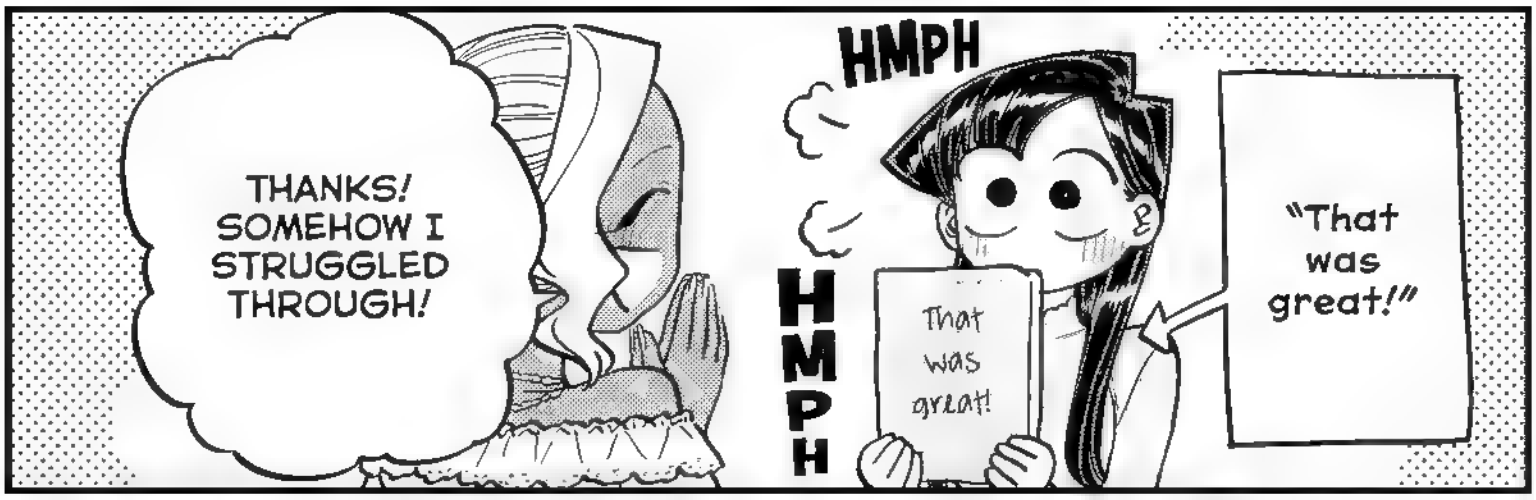
Communication 224 — The End

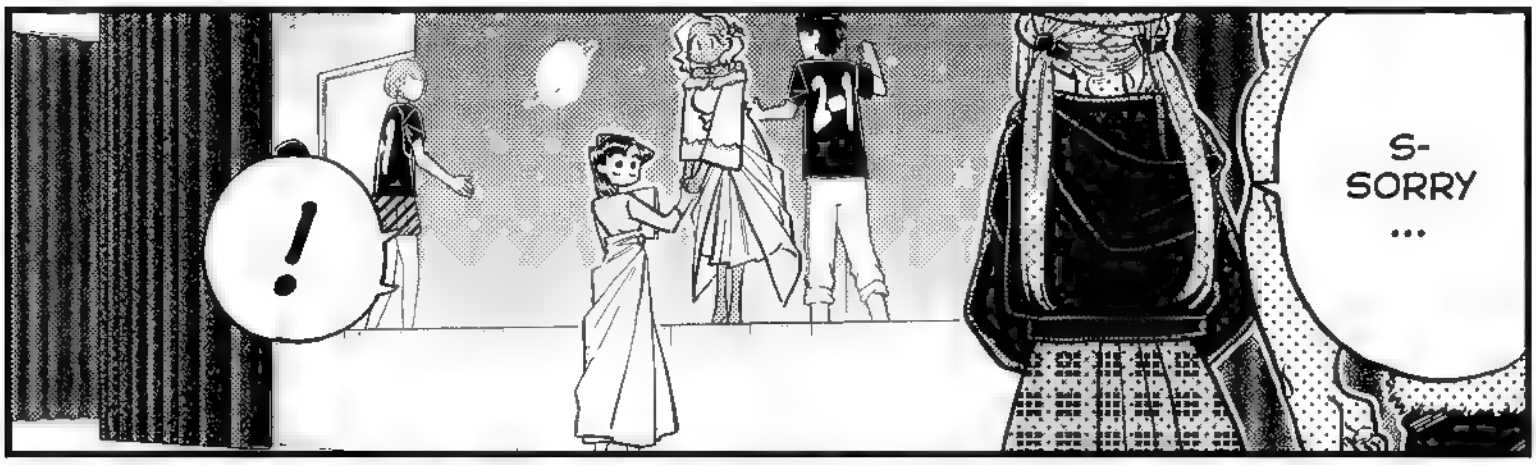
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
BRAVO O O O O O O O


AND THE VILLAINOUS MINISTER WAS SPINE-CHILLING!
THE PRINCESS HAD ME IN TEARS!
...I ENJOYED IT ANYWAY!
THAT WAS COMPLETE NONSENSE, BUT...


That was good!
CHATTER CHATTER
PHEW

SPINE-CHILLING INDEED!
Villain-ous minister
Mwa ha ha...
MWA HA HA! THE CRITICAL RESPONSE IS POSITIVE! TIME TO UP THE TICKET COST!





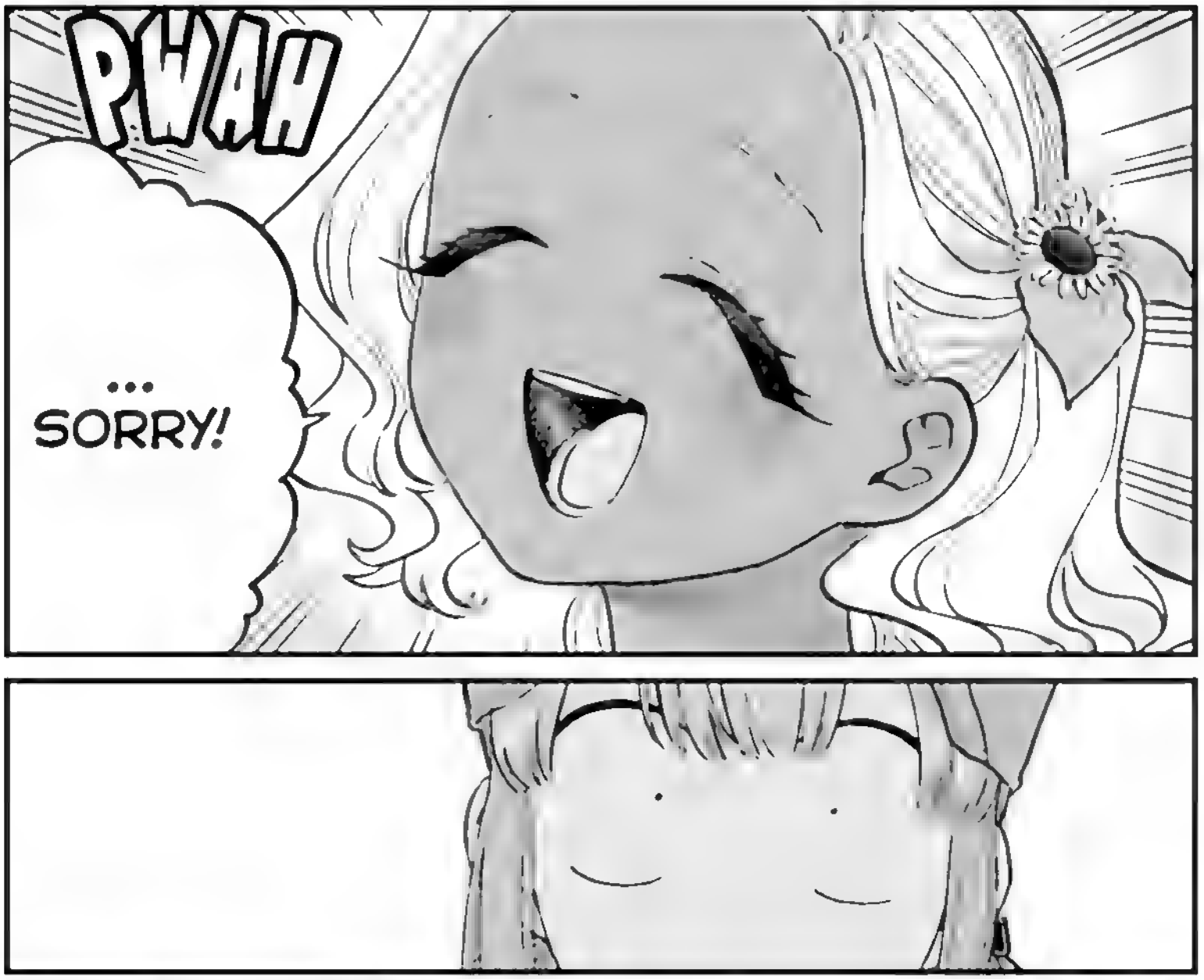
Communication 225: Feeling Okay

I c-can explain ...
HMPH
HMPH
They're admiring Tadano's outfit.
OH, THAT'S OKAY! IT DOESN'T MATTER!!
ANYWAY... I'M SORRY I COULDN'T WATCH THE PERFOR-MANCE.

KOMI! COME HERE A SEC!
!!
!
UM, WE PROMISED TO WALK AROUND TOGETHER, RIGHT?

WE BOTH HAVE PERFOR-MANCES, SO WE'RE BUSY...
...BUT IF YOU STILL WANT TO...
NAH, SORRY! LET'S CANCEL THAT!
HUH?

I'M SIMPLY TOO BUSY!
AND IF WE DID, IT'D BE SORTA...
AND THERE'S NOTHING I WANT TO SEE!
...YOU KNOW!
Huh?
SO, UM...


PWAH
...
SORRY!

ARE YOU FEELING OKAY?

!

TATMP

HM? FEELING OKAY? YES, OF COURSE!

WHY DO YOU ASK?

I GOTTA USE THE GIRLS' ROOM!

OH, OKAY...

...

RFORMANCE
THE
D-BLOODED
INCESS
NDERFUL
SUFFER MY
AVE MOTION
RTICLE GUN!-

After the second perfor-mance

I am so tired...

THAT WASN'T BAD FOR A SECOND PERFOR-MANCE.

THIRTY-MINUTE BREAK!

KOMI! WANNA WALK AROUND TOGETHER?

!

NOD NOD

That's the princess!

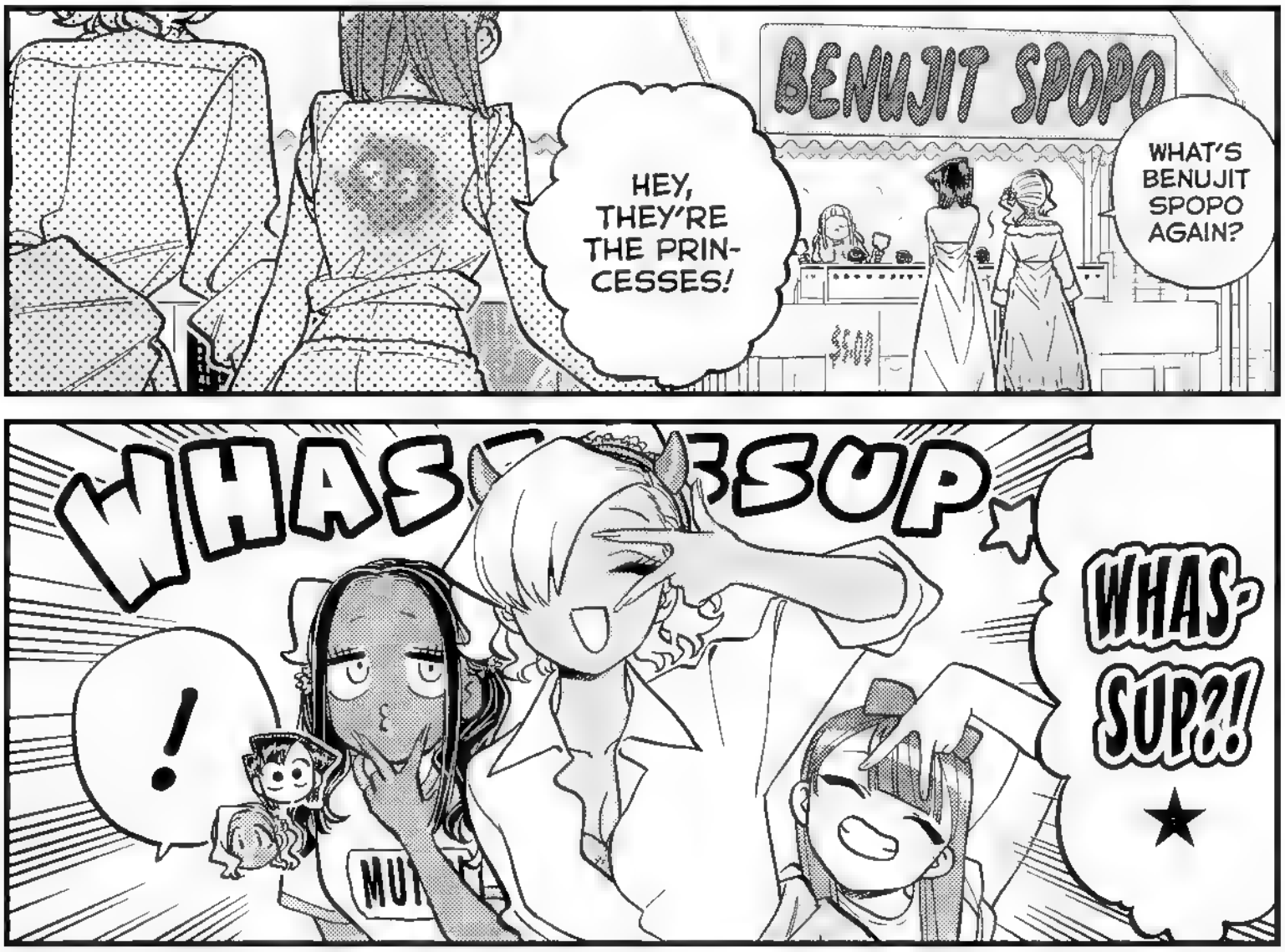
ALL OF A SUDDEN, I'M SUPER HUNGRY!

NOD NOD

!

OOH! LOOK, KOMI! OCTOPUS DUMPLINGS!

AND GRILLED SQUID!


BENUJIT SPOPO
HEY, THEY'RE THE PRIN-CESSES!
WHAT'S BENUJIT SPOPO AGAIN?
WHAS-SUP?!
!
WHAS-SUP?!
REALLY? THANKS!
!
BOW BOW
BAGIKO, YOU'RE A REAL THESPIAN!
YOU WERE BOTH GREAT! YOU TOTALLY TRANS-FORMED!
NOD NOD
HOP
HOP
We worked super hard, right?!

SEE YA!!
!
BOW
OKAY! WILL DO!
VISIT OUR CLASS FOR FREE STUFF LATER!
FRIED BR
BUT...
WELL, THIS IS A FESTIVAL!
*Hyper, basically.
BAGIKO SEEMED KINDA HYPER-LICIOUS.
...ARE WE PARTYING HARD ENOUGH?
WOOHOOOOO
JOLT
...LIKE KRAY-ZAAAAY!!
WE GOTS TA PARTAY ...

TMP

IS THAT ALL RIGHT?!

TMP

YUKA'S CLASS IS DOING A "STUDENT CABARET"!

...

Ooh! That looks fun too!

3-4

Are you feeling okay?

!

...!

"You seem a little tense.

Or am I wrong?"

...

HUH? WHY? DO I SEEM WEIRD?

FWIP

YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS!

NO, I'M NOT TENSE AT ALL!

!!

HWOOOSH

THE NEXT SHOW IS STARTING! HUSTLE!

OH MY! LOOK AT THE TIME!

!
YAY, YOU'RE BACK! GO FIX YOUR MAKEUP, KOMI!
!
I GOTTA HIT THE GIRLS' ROOM!
BREAK A LEG, OKAY?

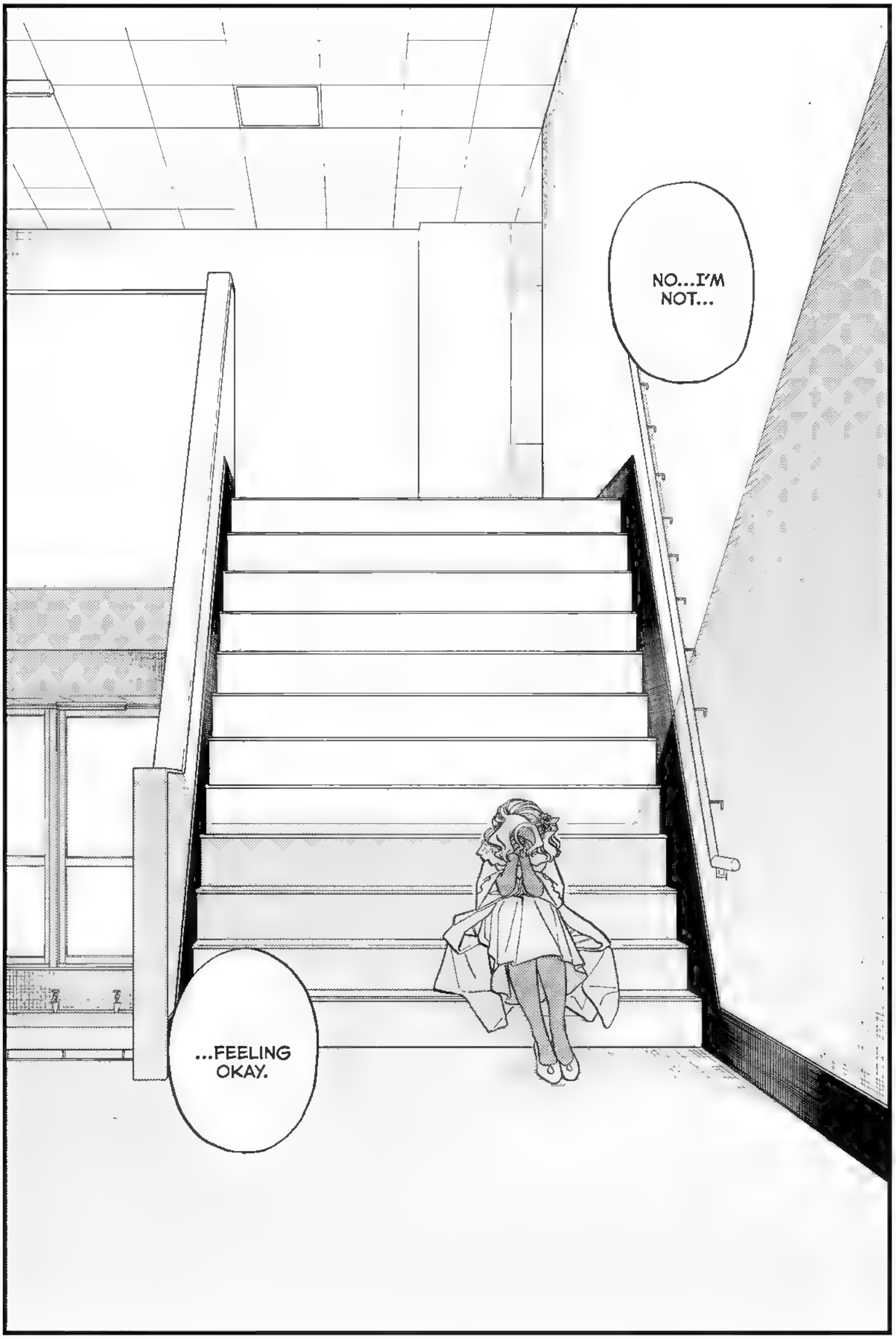
HOTDOGS
RAKUGO A.I.!!
1 F.L.
RAKUGO
HOTDOGS

MAID
CAFE

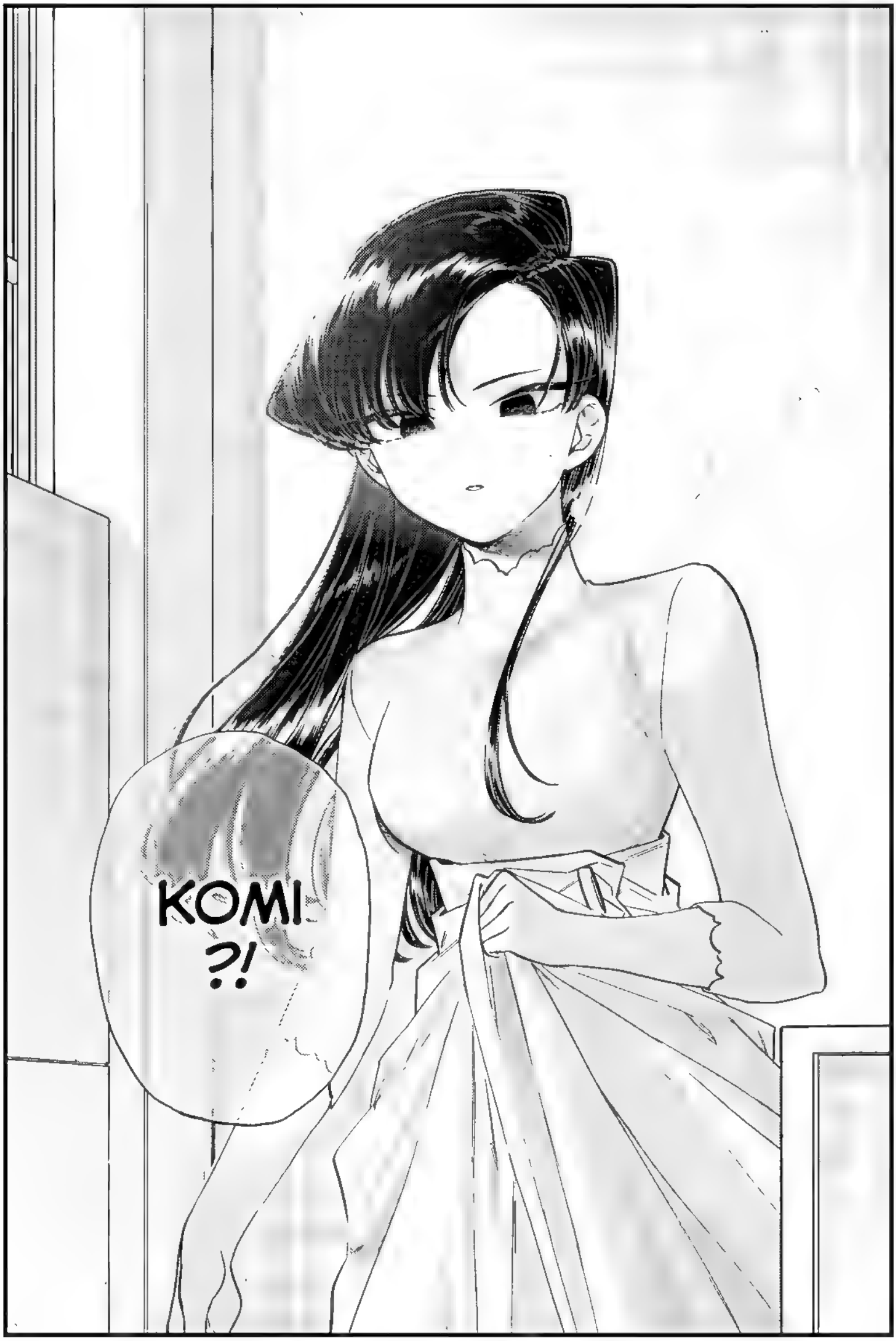
THAT WAS CLOSE ...

THEY BOTH ASKED IF I'M FEELING OKAY.
AH HA HA...
I REALLY DO SUCK AT ACTING ...
THOSE TWO REALLY SHOULDN'T ...
... WORRY ABOUT ME.
UGH ...
IT MAKES ME CRY...
...

GOOD THING I BROUGHT A TOWEL.
AW... MY EYES'LL GET PUFFY AGAIN.
AH HA HA...
I'M SUCH A WRECK ...
...
...AH HA HA...
...
!
Are you feeling okay?
ARE YOU FEELING OKAY?


NO...I'M NOT...
...FEELING OKAY.

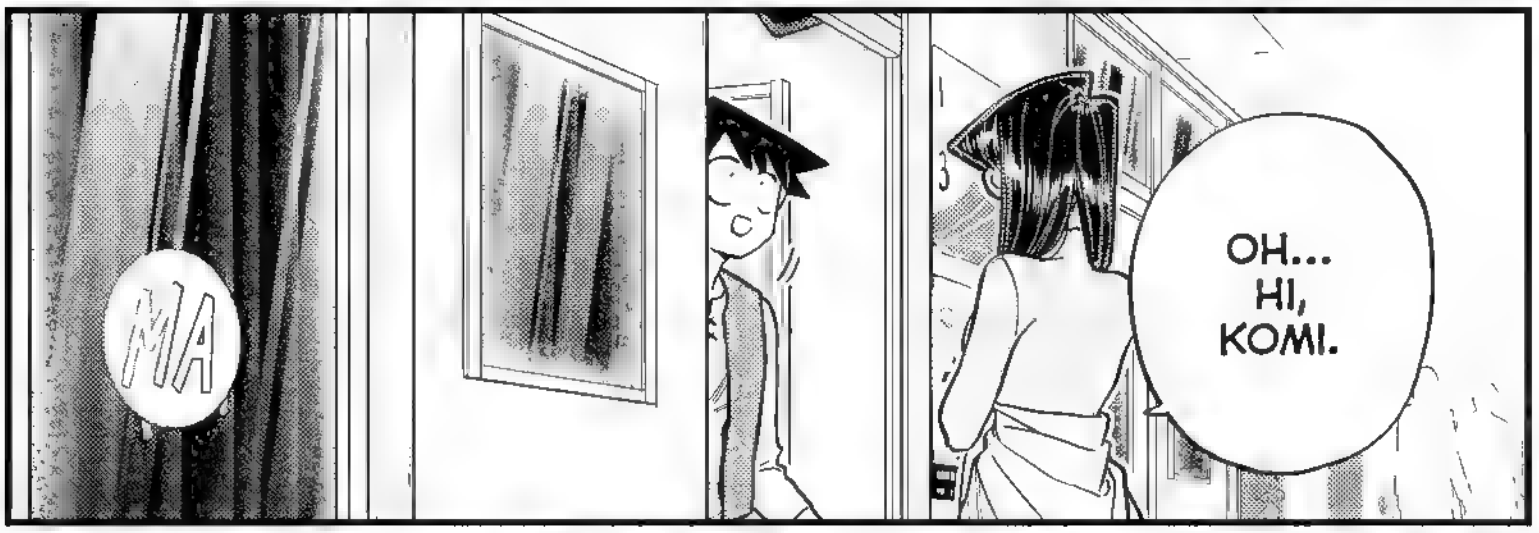
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH

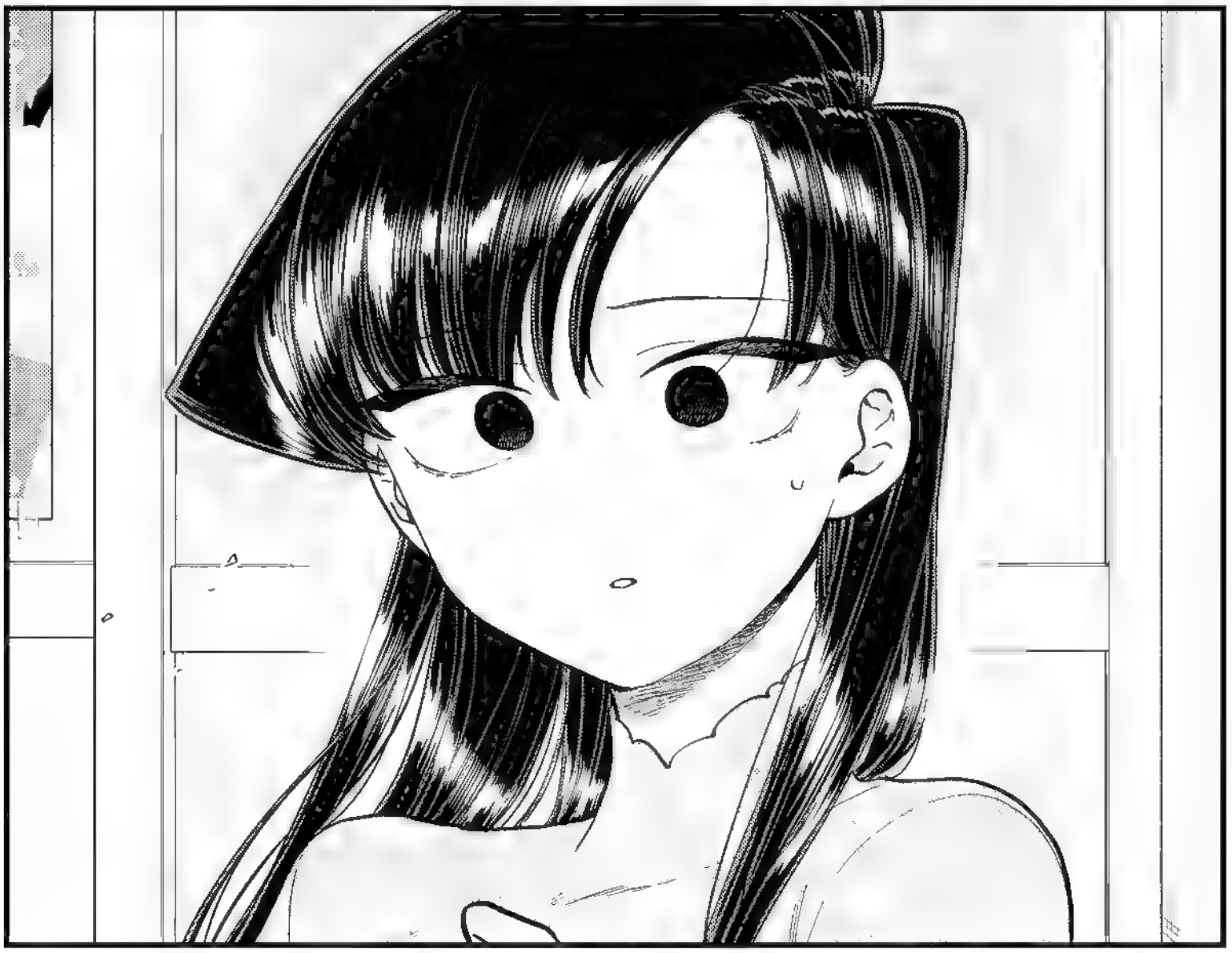


Communication 225 — The End

!
I GOTTA HIT THE GIRLS' ROOM!
BREAK A LEG, OKAY?
HWOOSH
coffee

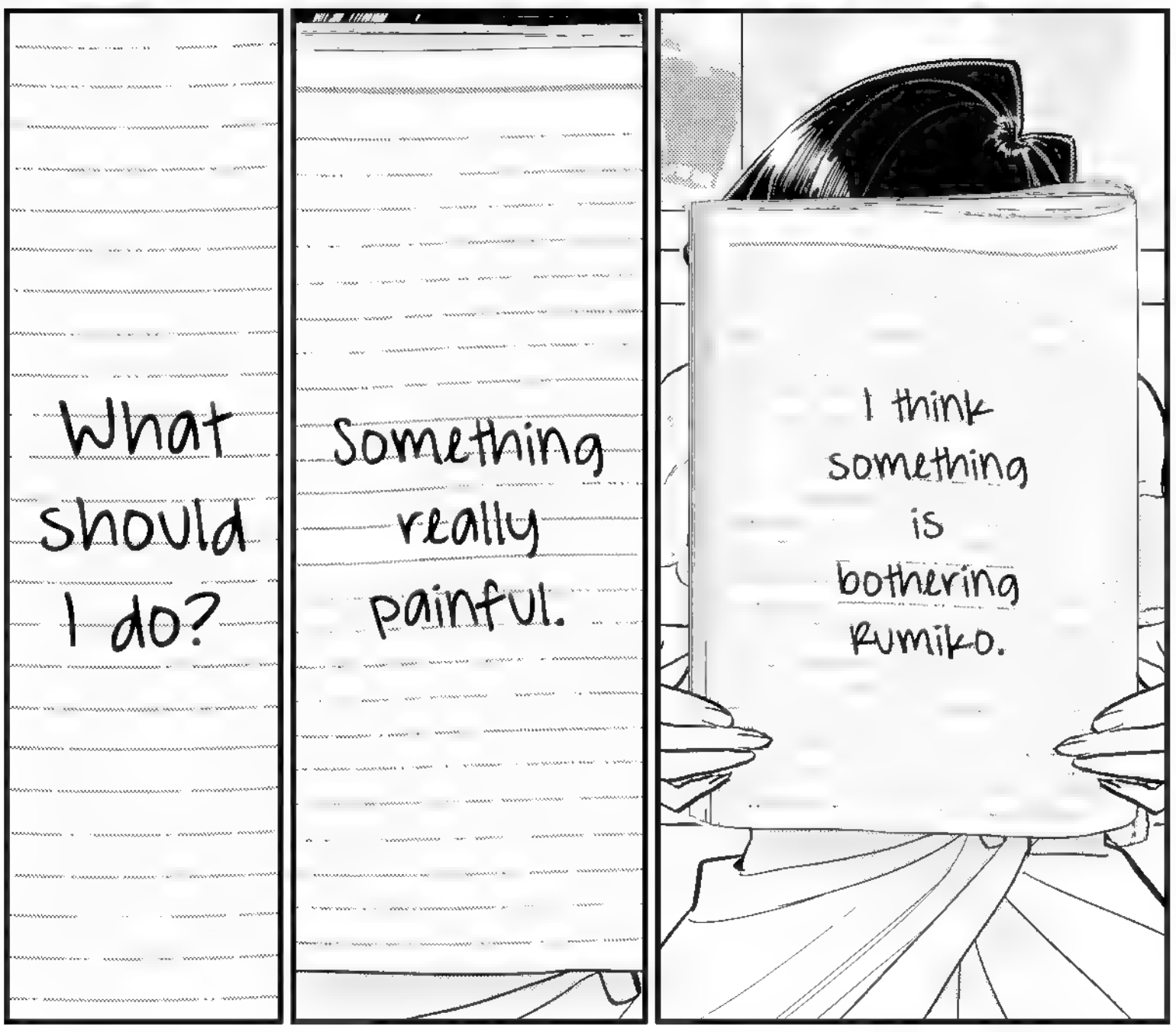
BURN!
FIRE!


MA
OH...
HI,
KOMI.

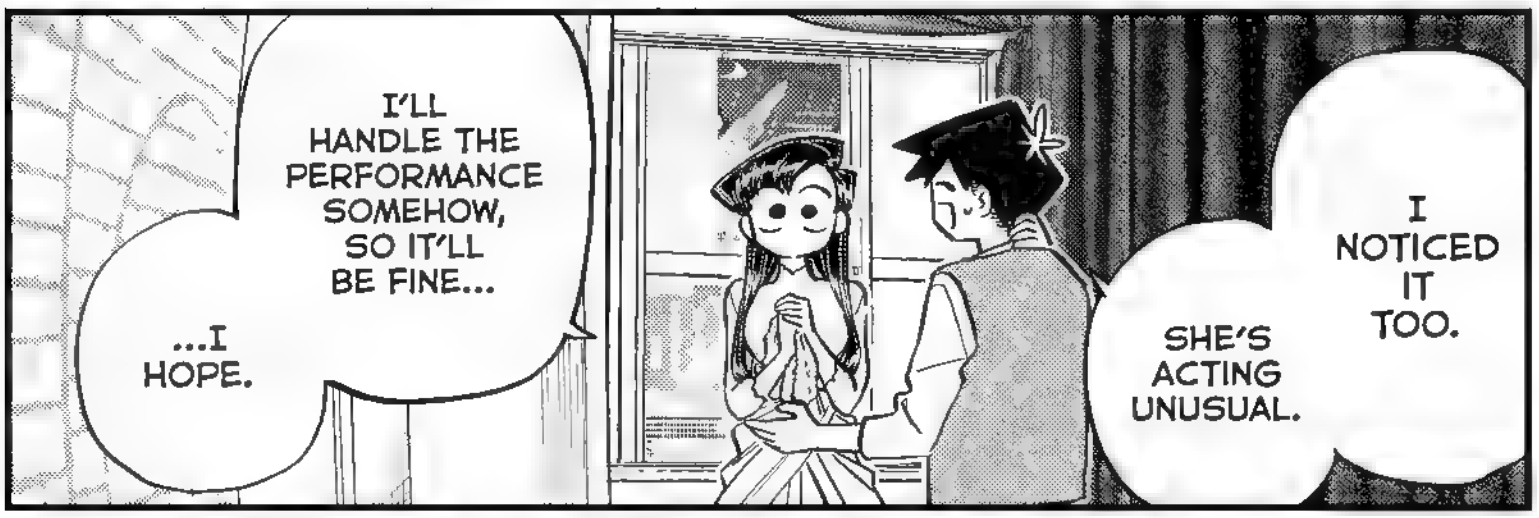


!

SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
IS SOME-THING WRONG?

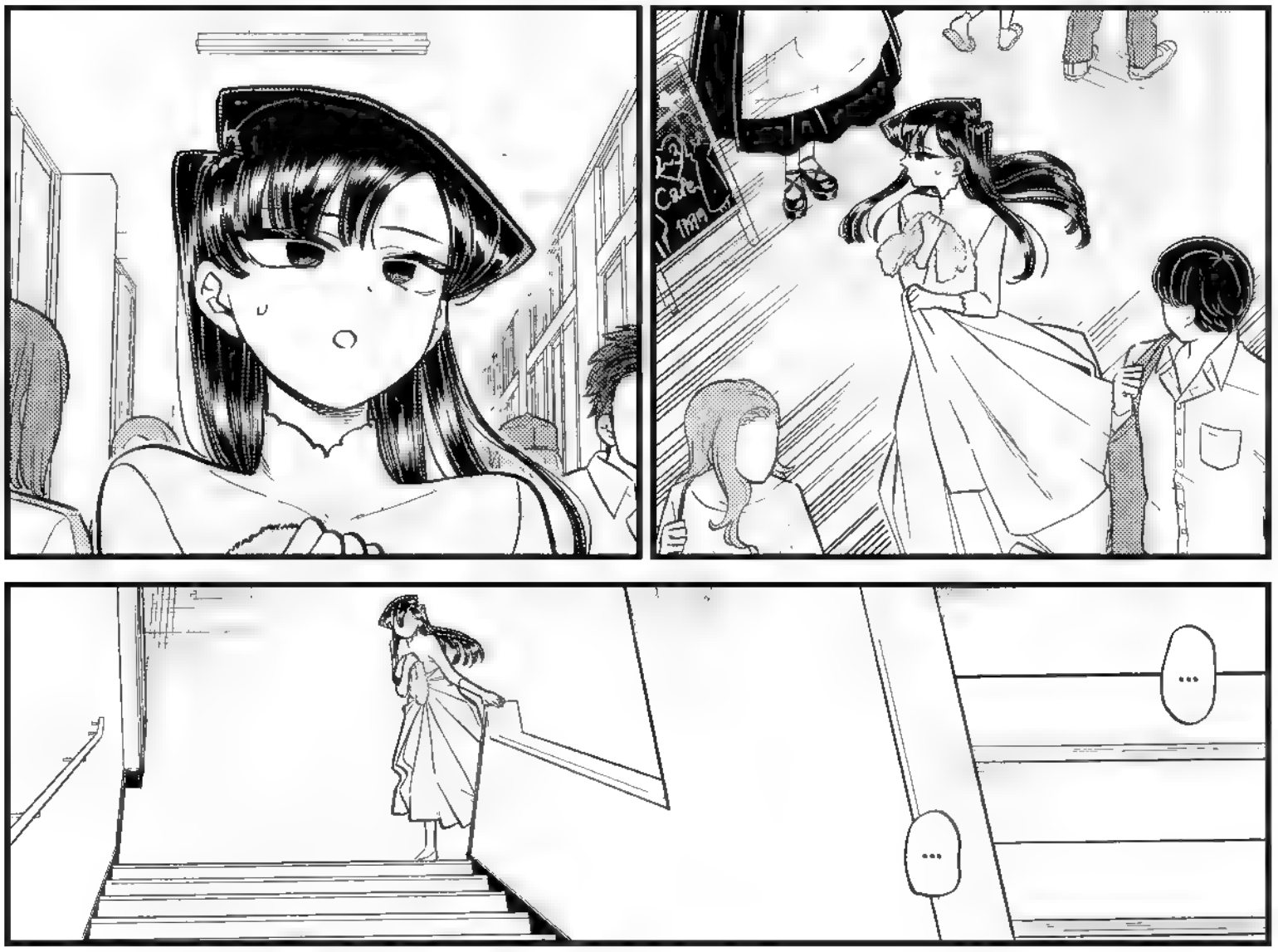

What should I do?
Something really painful.
I think something is bothering Rumiko.

YOU SHOULD GO TALK TO HER.


I'LL HANDLE THE PERFORMANCE SOMEHOW, SO IT'LL BE FINE...
...I HOPE.
I NOTICED IT TOO.
SHE'S ACTING UNUSUAL.

...
...

...!
NOD
DASH


...
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Communication 226: You Matter

KOMI ?!

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!

THE SHOW'S STARTING !!

W...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

C C

W...

RUB

...

...

EVERY-ONE WILL BE IN TROUBLE!

RIGHT ?!

YOU SHOULD GO BACK!

SHUV SHUV

NO, REALLY ...

WHY'RE YOU HERE?!

ARGH!

OKAY?

SHUV

SHUV

YOU MUSTN'T BE HERE!

...

KOMI...

SHUV

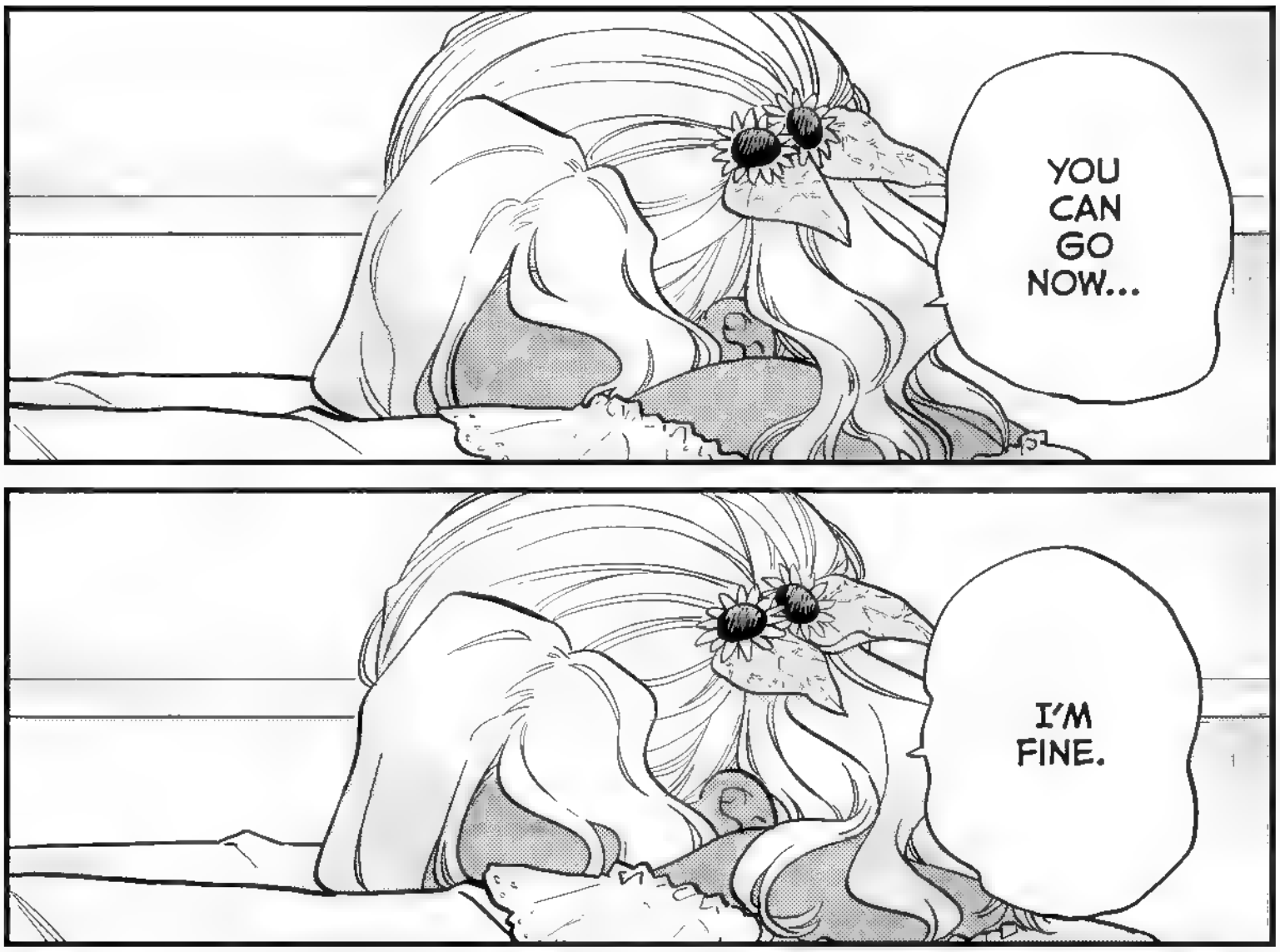
GO!

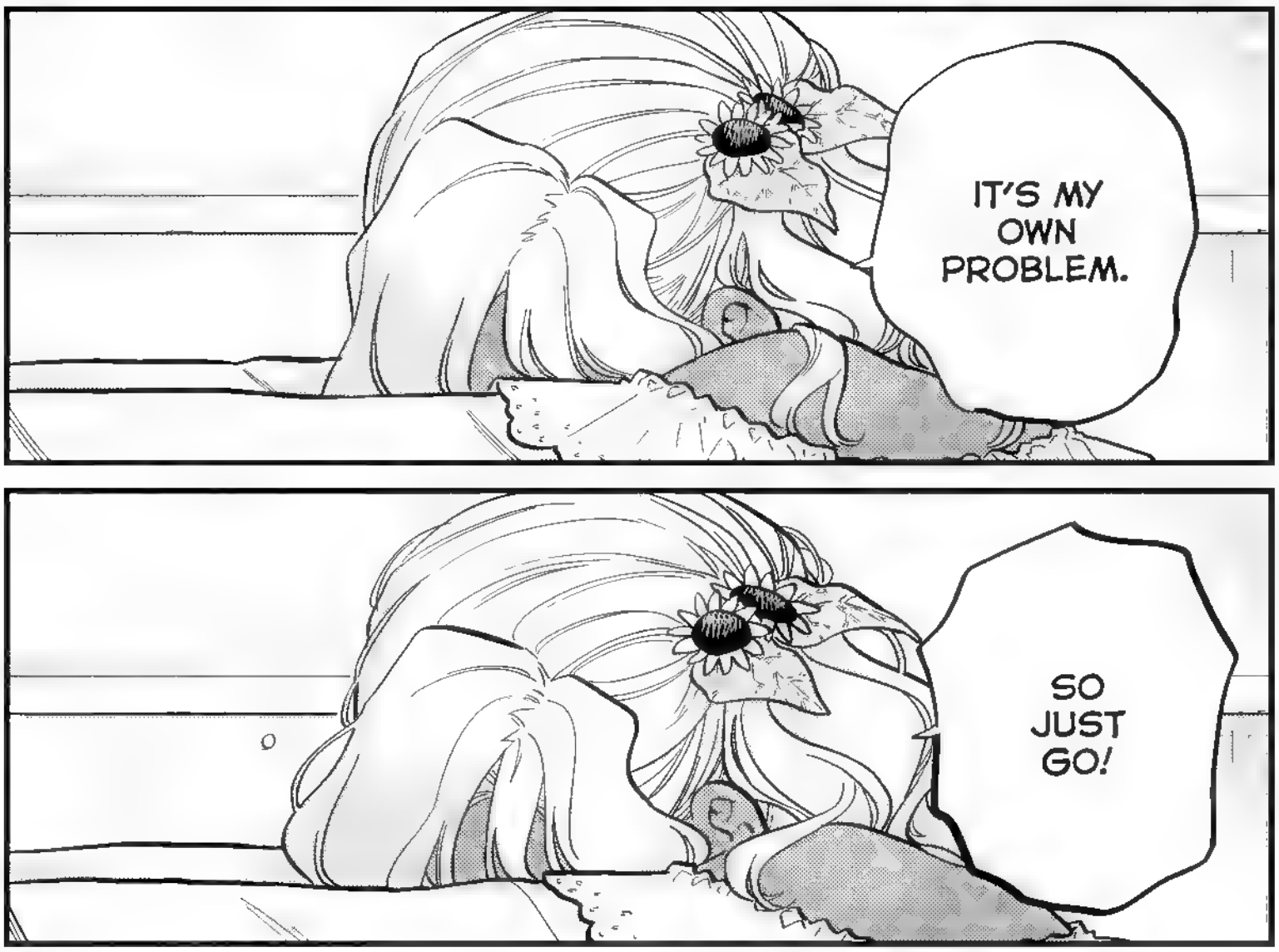
SHUV

HURRY...

I JUST DON'T MATTER, OKAY?!

NO. YOU MATTER.


YOU CAN GO NOW...
I'M FINE.


IT'S MY OWN PROBLEM.
SO JUST GO!

I WON'T GO.
YOU'RE NOT FINE.

YOUR PROBLEM IS MY PROBLEM TOO.
SO I WON'T GO.

YOU'RE SUCH A PAIN!

HOPING YOU'LL WRITE SOMETHING DOWN!

GRIP

SO I JUST BLAB AND BLAB AWAY!

I CAN NEVER TELL WHAT YOU'RE THINK-ING!

YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE THIS!

SERI-OUSLY!

GET A CLUE, WOULD YA?!

LIKE WHEN WE FIRST MET!

...YOU'RE THE LAST PERSON I WANT AROUND!

AND RIGHT NOW...

SO YOU SHOULD'VE GONE BACK TO THE CLASSROOM!

I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN EMBARRASSED ALL ALONE!

SOB

...ARE WE EVEN REALLY FRIENDS ?!

I MEAN...

...AND YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO TRY!!

YOU'RE PRETTY, SO EVERYONE LOVES YOU...

SOB!

NO FAIR AT ALL!!

PLIP

PLIP

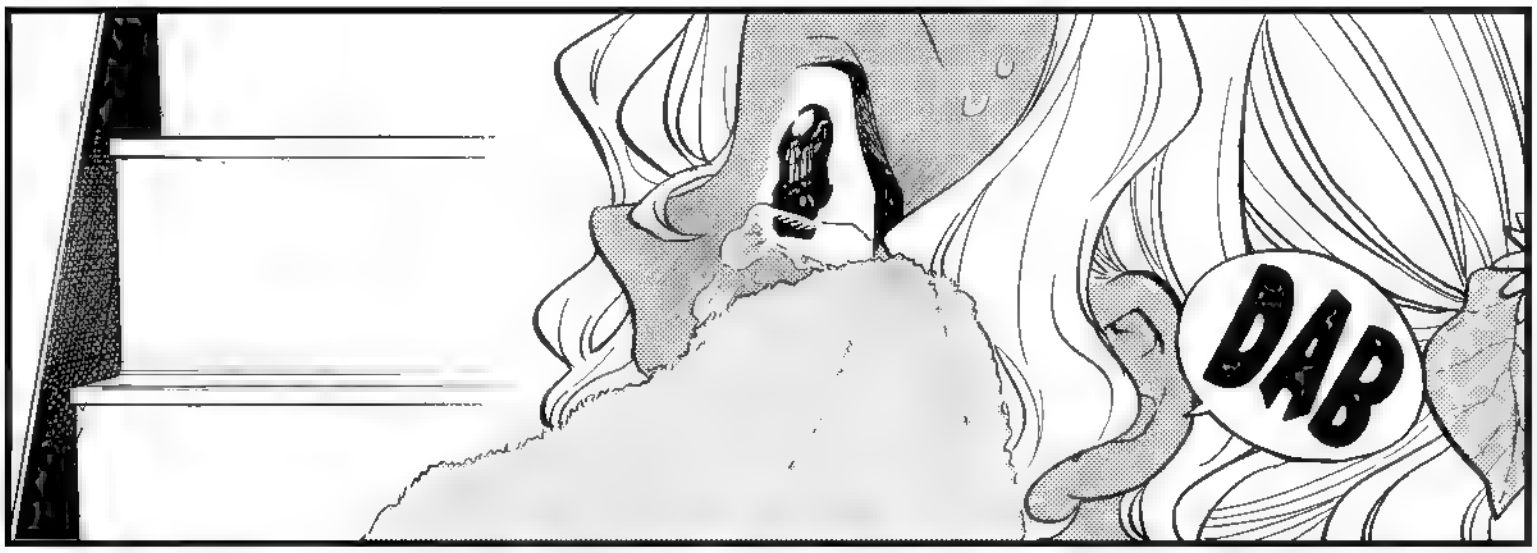
IT'S NO FAIR!

YOU'RE NO FAIR.

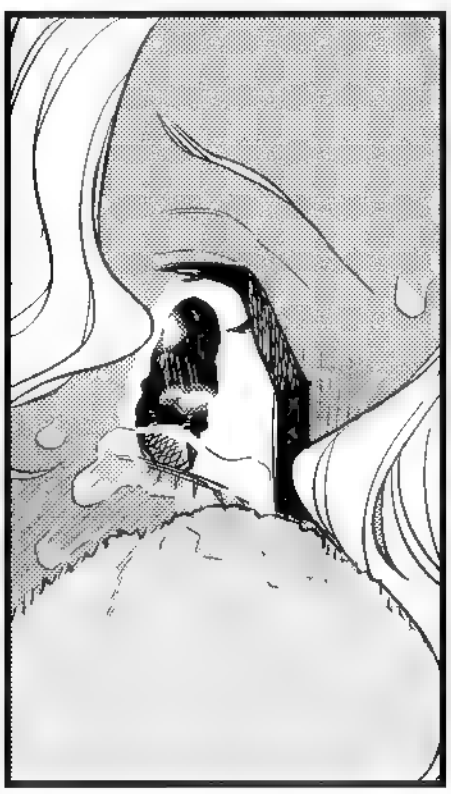
...

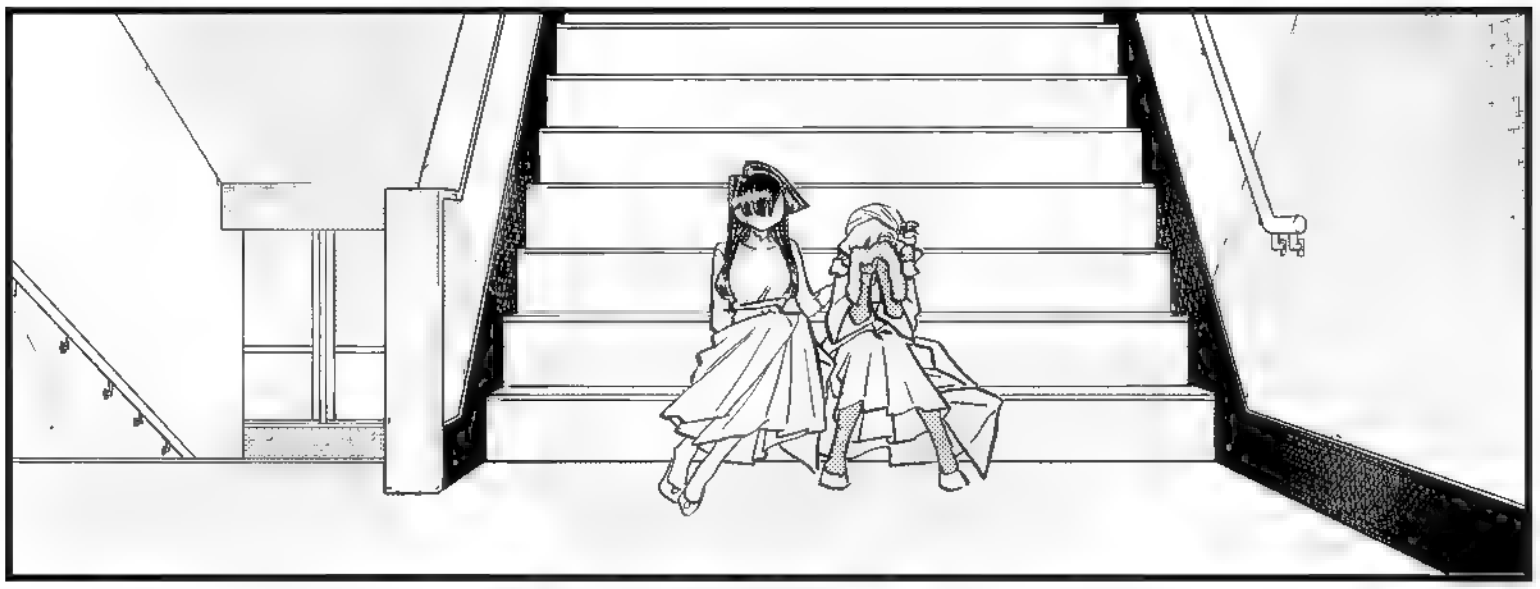
OKAY, I UNDER-STAND.
!!

HUFF
NO, UH...
HUFF
...
HUFF
...
...KOMI.
I'M SORRY ...
...I DIDN'T ...
...MEAN IT LIKE THAT.
...
I'M SORRY !!


DAB

I'M SO...
4
... SORRY.





...MY FAULT?
IS THIS...
IT'S MINE!
N-NO!
!!
IT ISN'T!
IT'S MY FAULT.
...

Communication 226 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

WHAT DO YOU NEED?
DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE, TAKARA-ZUKA?
Hm? Where's Komi?
BURN.
!
...MAYBE YOU COULD FILL IN FOR KOMI?
INSTEAD OF DELAYING THE SHOW...
MANBAGI ISN'T FEELING WELL, SO KOMI WENT TO CHECK ON HER.

BUT THE ONLY OTHER PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE LINES ARE THE ACTORS...
...SO MAYBE DELAYING IT IS THE ONLY–
NO, I COULD NEVER PLAY A WOMAN. TOO UNCON-VINCING.

WEREN'T *YOU* DRESSED AS A GIRL EARLIER?
HUH?

THERE ONCE WAS A PEACEFUL KINGDOM...

EMO

PERFORMANCE
THE COLD-BLOODED PRINCESS
WONDERFUL
-SUFFER MY WAVE MOTION PARTICLE GUN!-

...COULD MAKE HIM SMILE.

...WHERE THERE LIVED A MUSCLE-BOUND PRINCE.

BUT NEITHER SWORDS NOR DANCERS...

THE PEOPLE FOUND HIM DISCON-CERTING ...

PW

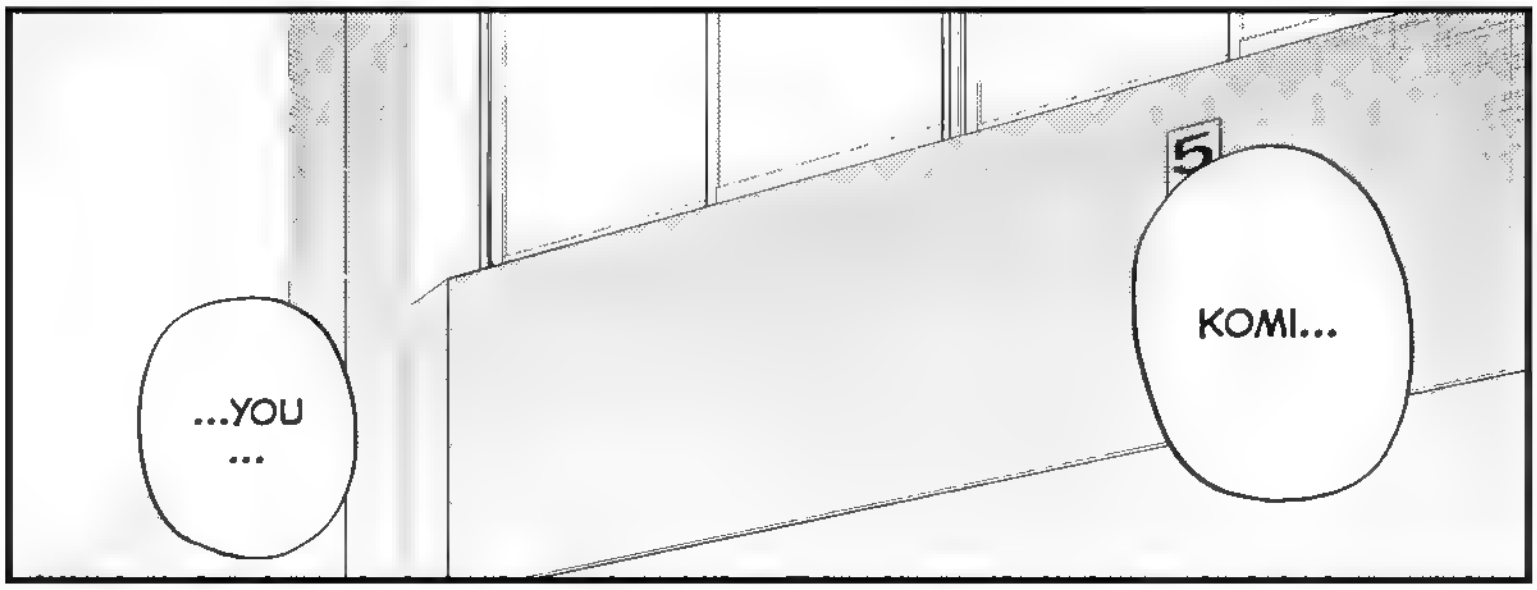
AH

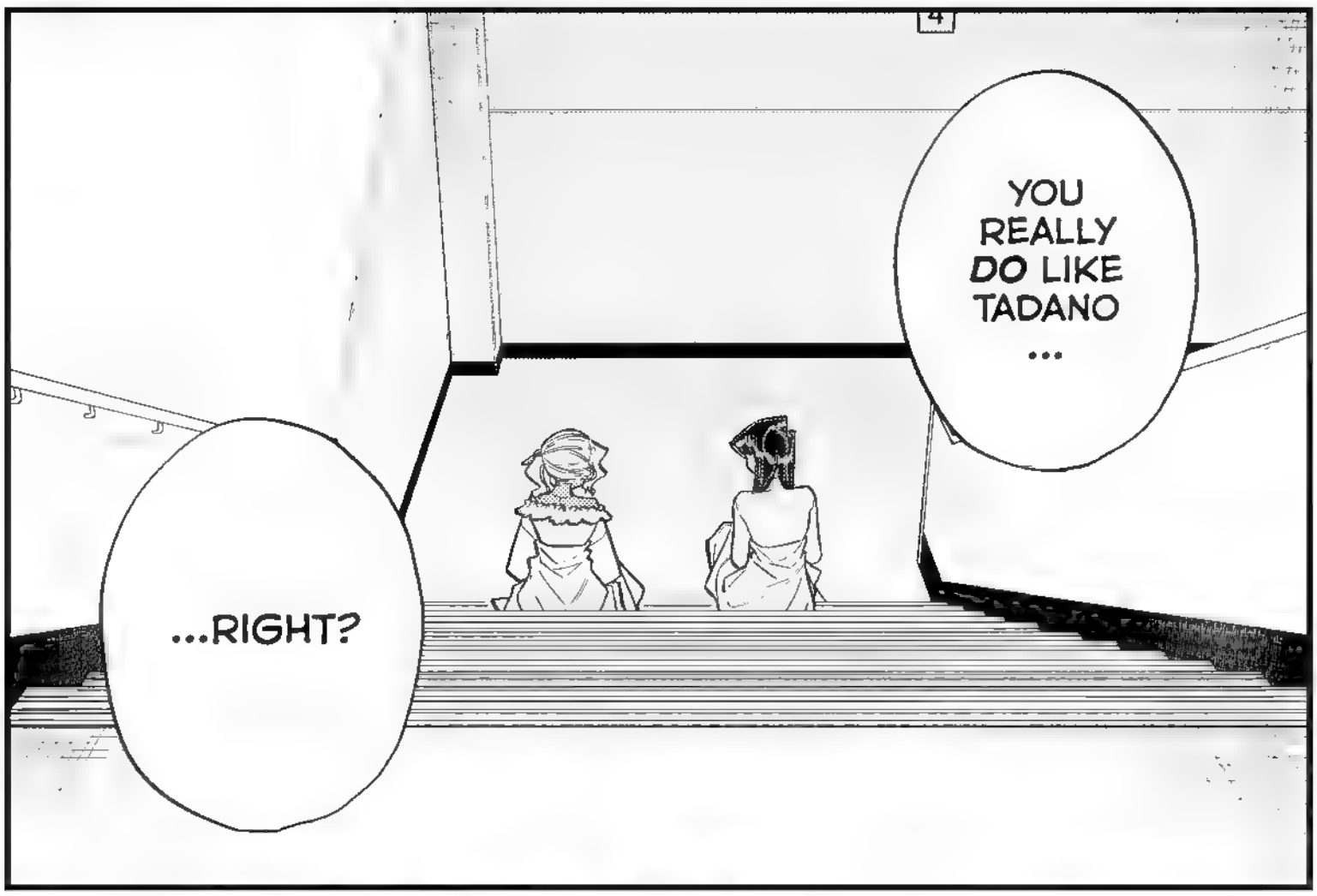
YIKES!!

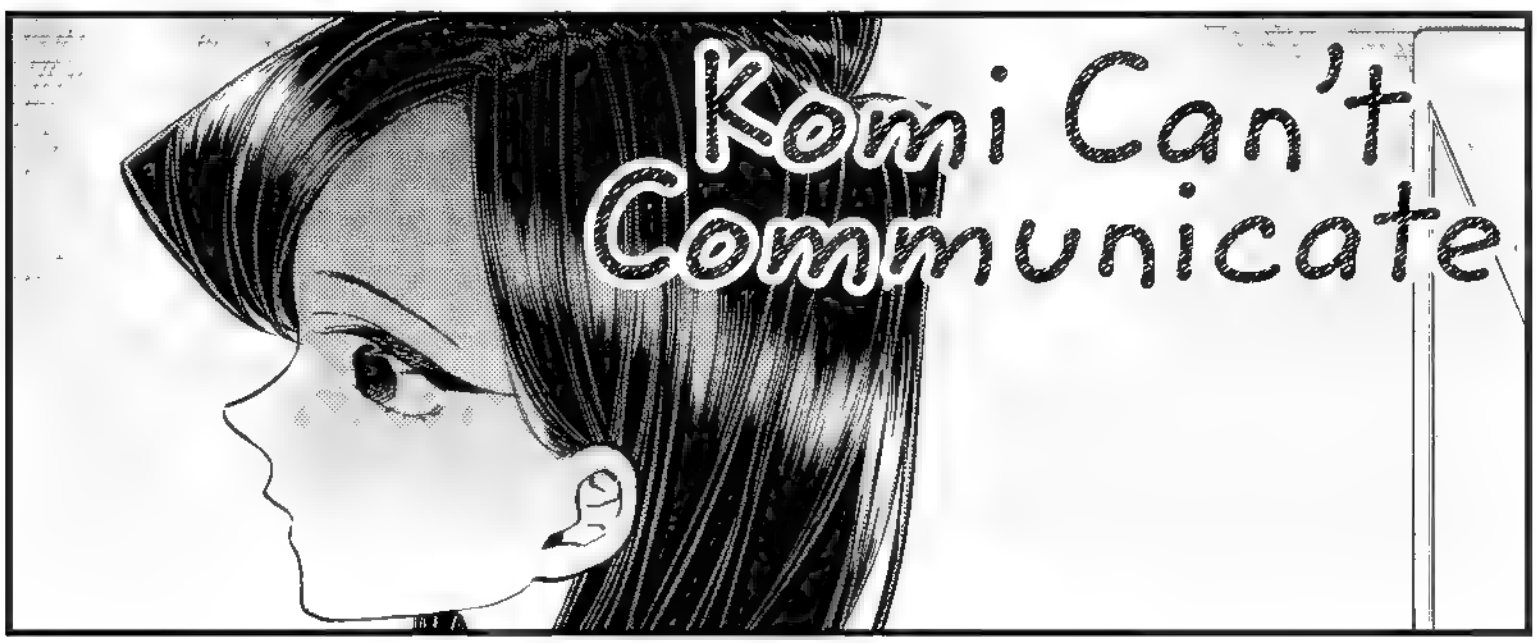
All

...AND CALLED HIM THE COLD-BLOODED PRINCE.

...SO I'LL ENJOY THE CASTLE GARDEN.
YAWN
WHEW! WORKING IN THE KITCHEN IS TOO HARD...
IS THIS ALL RIGHT?!
TADANO
TWITCH
HOW DID I GET INTO THIS MESS?!
SHE'S CUTE, BUT...
HAS THE STORY CHANGED ?
HM? WHERE'S KOMI?
THAT'S MY BROTHER ...
WHO IS THAT GIRL?







Communication 227: No Surprise at All

?!
?!
"Why is she asking that?!"
?!
?! ?!
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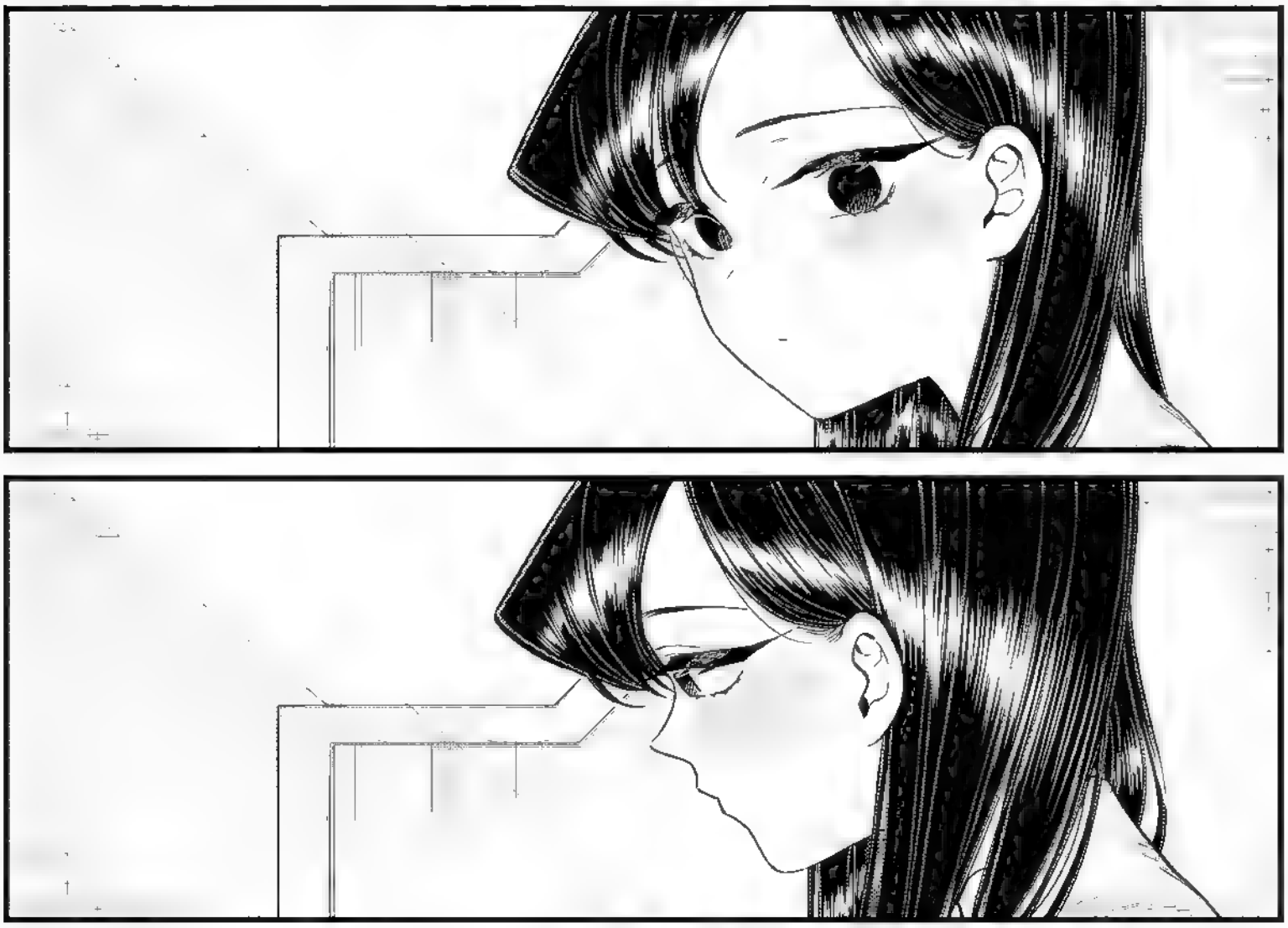
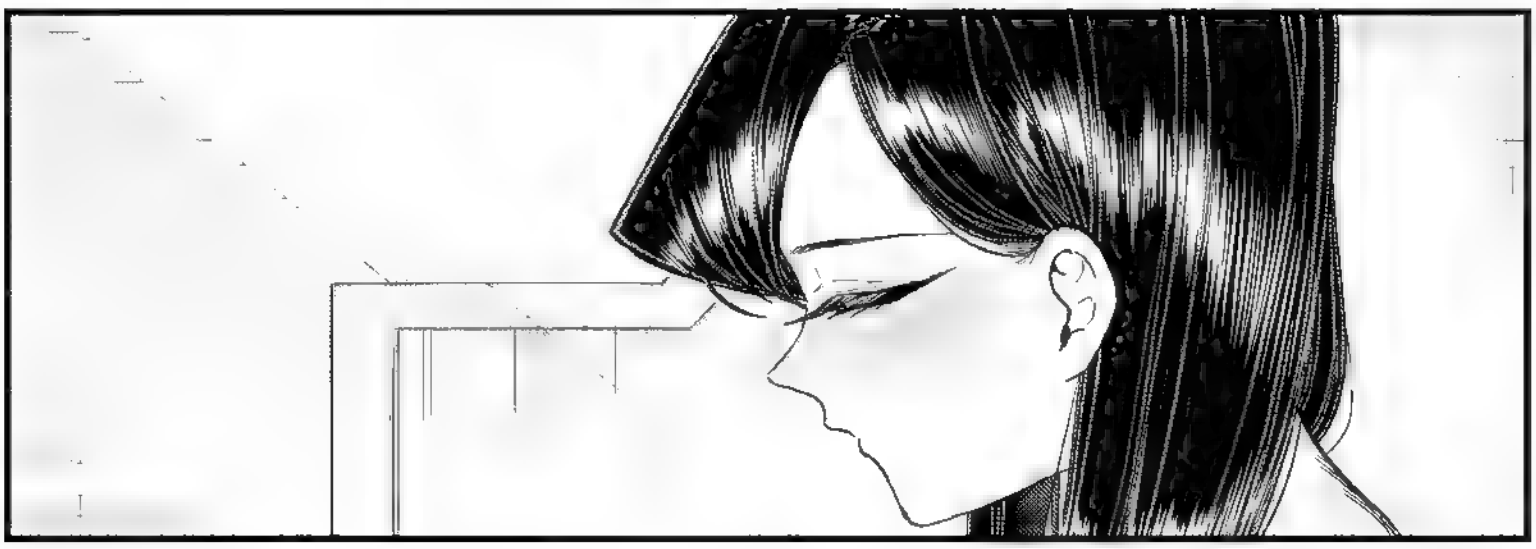




NOD

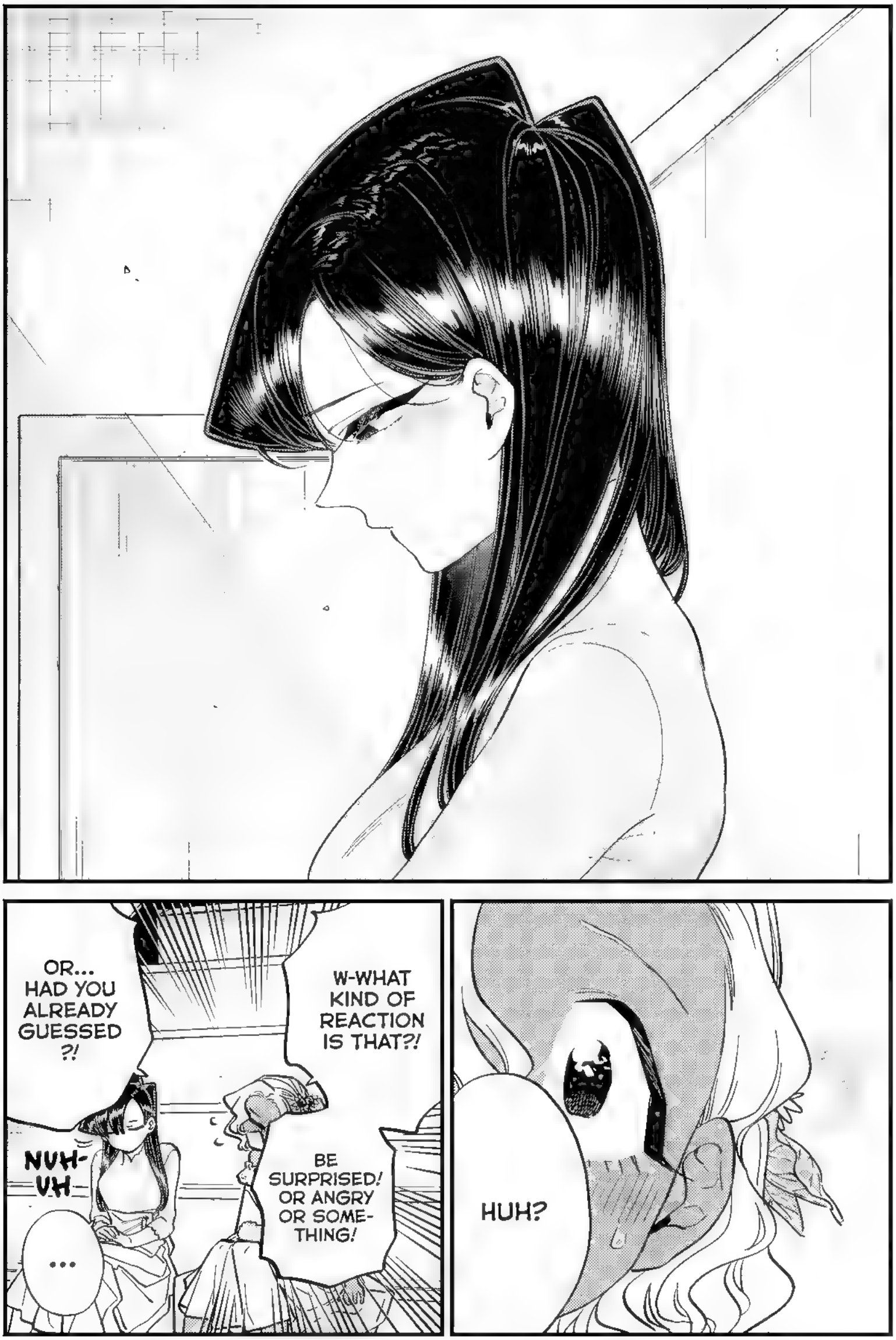
TO BE HONEST ...

...I, UM...

I LIKED HIM TOO.

BUT DON'T WORRY! I DON'T ANYMORE!

AH HA HA! SUR-PRISED?!


OR... HAD YOU ALREADY GUESSED ?!
W-WHAT KIND OF REACTION IS THAT?!
NUH-UH
BE SURPRISED! OR ANGRY OR SOME-THING!
...
HUH?

?!

ACTUALLY, IT'S NO SURPRISE AT ALL.

?!

BECAUSE TADANO IS COOL.

?!

NO, IT'S A TOTAL SHOCKER!!

?!

FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP

HE ISN'T CONVEN-TIONALLY COOL AT ALL!

HE DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING INTER-ESTING...

...AND HE'S AVERAGE AT SCHOOL AND SPORTS.

HE'S WEAK AND SCRAWNY!

AND HAS NO DISTIN-GUISHING CHARAC-TERISTICS!

HE DOESN'T EVEN *TRY* TO BE MACHO!

THERE'S NOTHING ADMIRABLE ABOUT HIM...

...AND HE DOESN'T INSPIRE MOTHERLY FEEL-INGS...

... SO I CAN'T MAKE ANY SENSE OF IT!

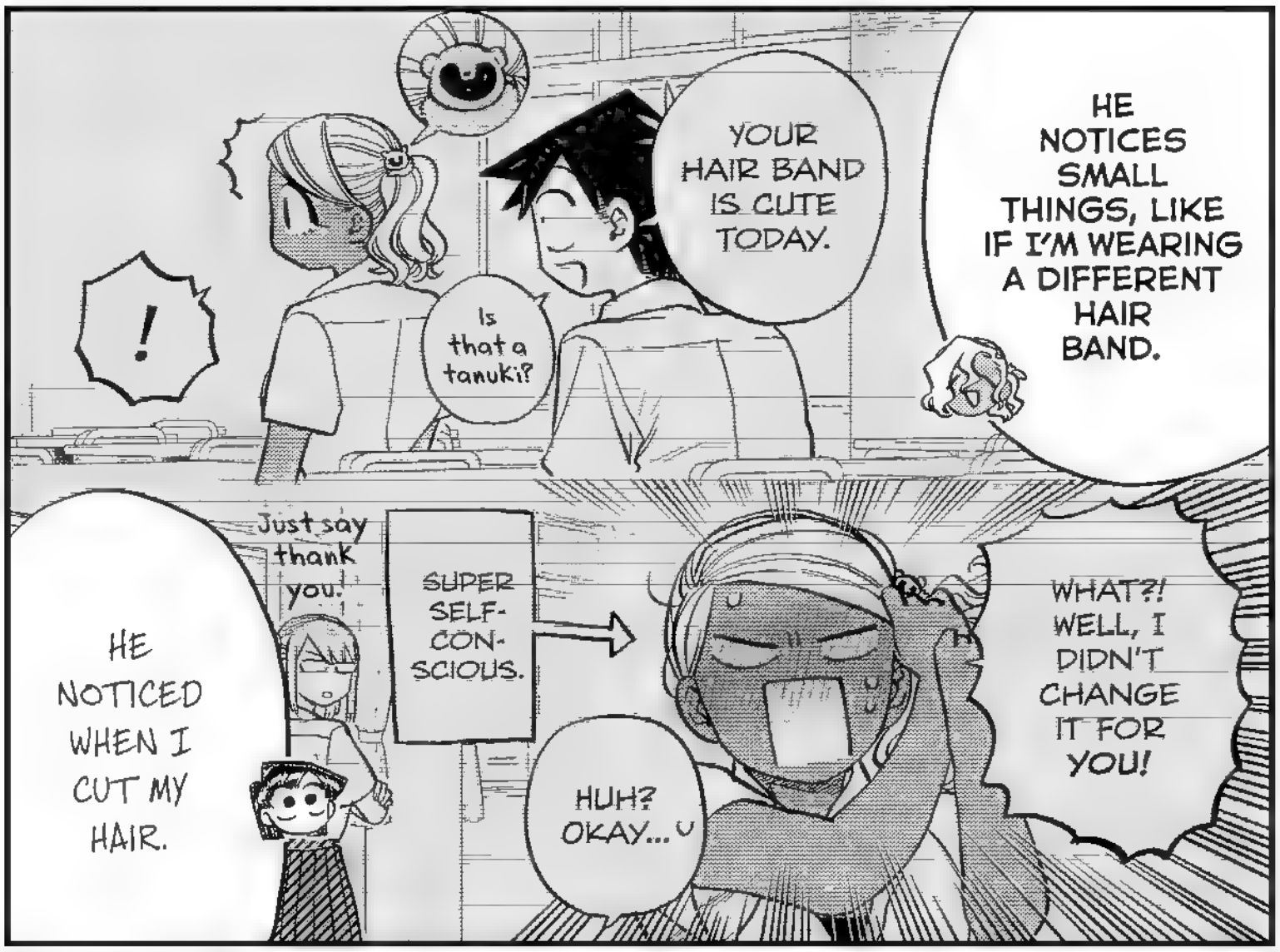
I KNOW.

HE'S ALWAYS READING PEOPLE'S FACES...
BECAUSE HE'S CONSIDERATE.

...AND SUDDENLY SAYING SOMETHING DASHING...
BECAUSE HE LIKES TO HELP PEOPLE.

...AND HE'S COMFORTABLE TO BE AROUND.
BECAUSE HE HAS A REASSURING PRESENCE.
...
MM-HMM...

YOU TOTALLY GET IT, HUH?


!
Is that a tanuki?
YOUR HAIR BAND IS CUTE TODAY.
HE NOTICES SMALL THINGS, LIKE IF I'M WEARING A DIFFERENT HAIR BAND.
HE NOTICED WHEN I CUT MY HAIR.
Just say thank you!
SUPER SELF-CON-SCIOUS.
HUH? OKAY... U
WHAT?! WELL, I DIDN'T CHANGE IT FOR YOU!
RIGHT, RIGHT!
SHE WASN'T FAR ALONG, SO I HADN'T EVEN NOTICED!
BUT TADANO DID!
AND HE GAVE HIS SEAT TO A PREGNANT WOMAN ON THE TRAIN.

AND WALKS ON THE TRAFFIC SIDE OF THE SIDE-WALK.

HE ALWAYS SAYS GOODBYE AFTER SCHOOL.

HE ASKS QUESTIONS I CAN ANSWER WITH "YES" OR "NO."

HE SMILES WHEN OUR EYES MEET.

SHE'S A F-FRIEND OF MINE.

AND HE UNTAN-GLED ..ONI-GASHIMA'S EARPHONES THE OTHER DAY.

HE KEEPS BAND-AIDS IN HIS WALLET!

AND DID YOU KNOW ?

...HE PATTED ME ON THE HEAD.

HE WHAT ?!

M

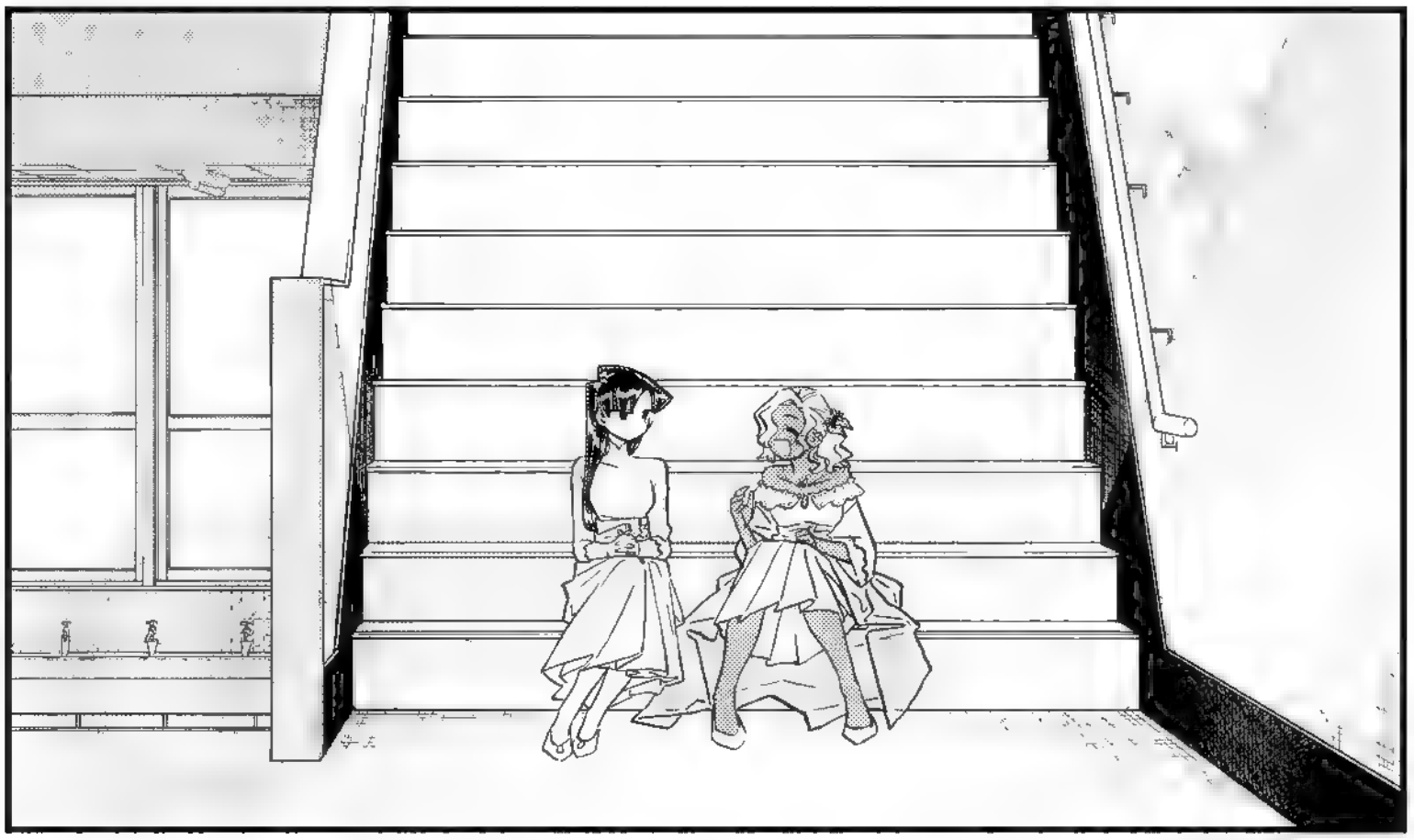
AND WHEN I LOST THE RELAY RACE...

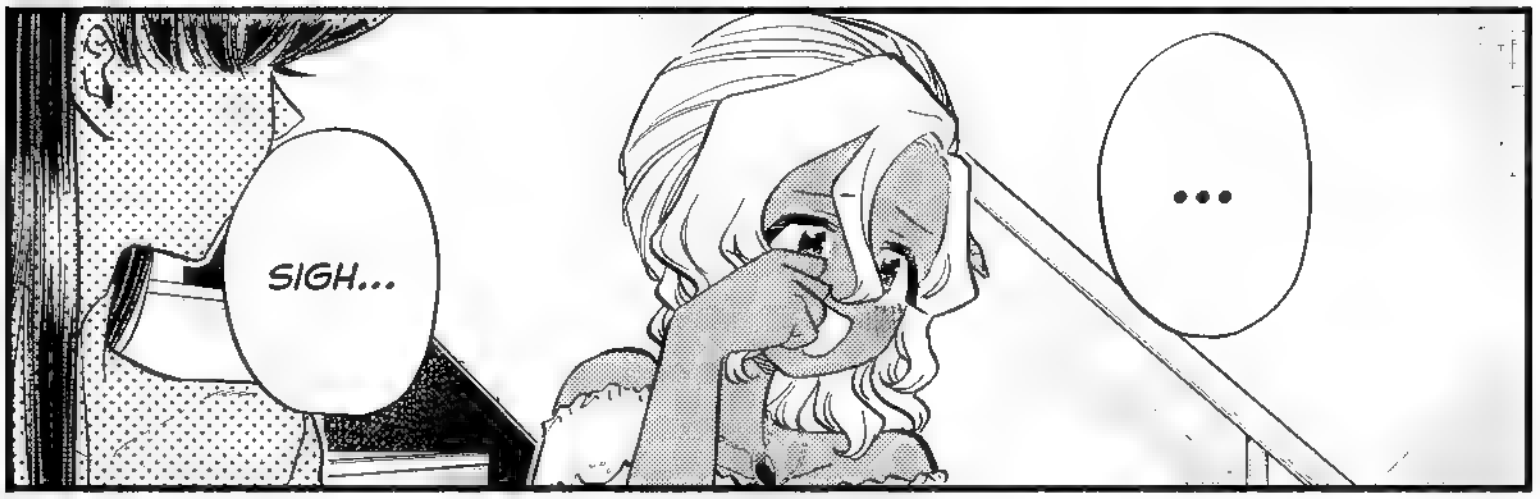
... WHEN MY GOLD-FISH WAS SICK!

K

!

HE EVEN CAME OVER TO MY HOUSE ...




SIGH...
...

SO HE'S ALL YOURS, KOMI!

NOT *REALLY!* YA KNOW?
I DON'T REALLY LIKE HIM THAT MUCH!
WELL, I FEEL BETTER NOW!

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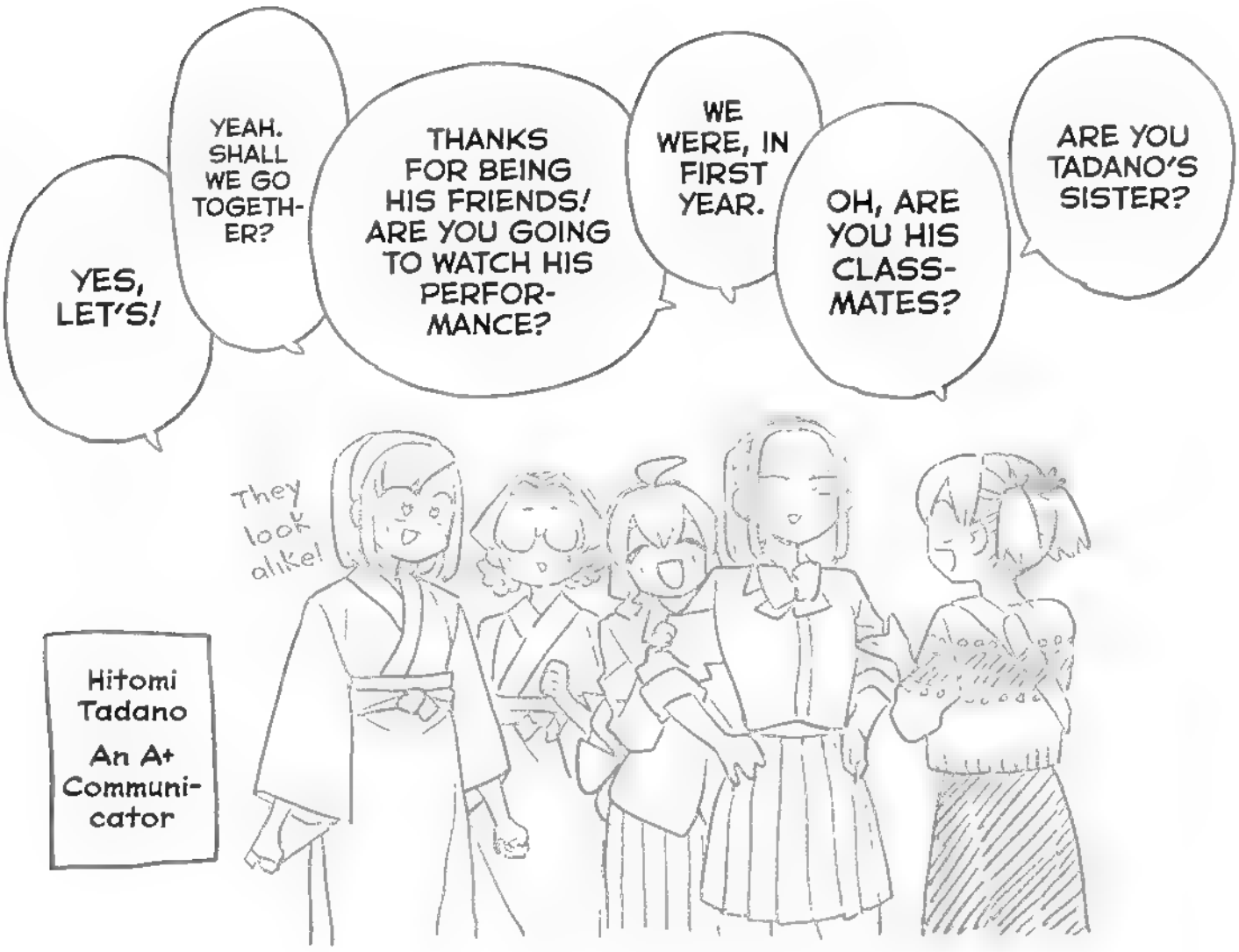
YES, LET'S!
YEAH. SHALL WE GO TOGETH-ER?
THANKS FOR BEING HIS FRIENDS! ARE YOU GOING TO WATCH HIS PERFOR-MANCE?
WE WERE, IN FIRST YEAR.
OH, ARE YOU HIS CLASS-MATES?
ARE YOU TADANO'S SISTER?
They look alike!
Hitomi Tadano
An A+ Communi-cator

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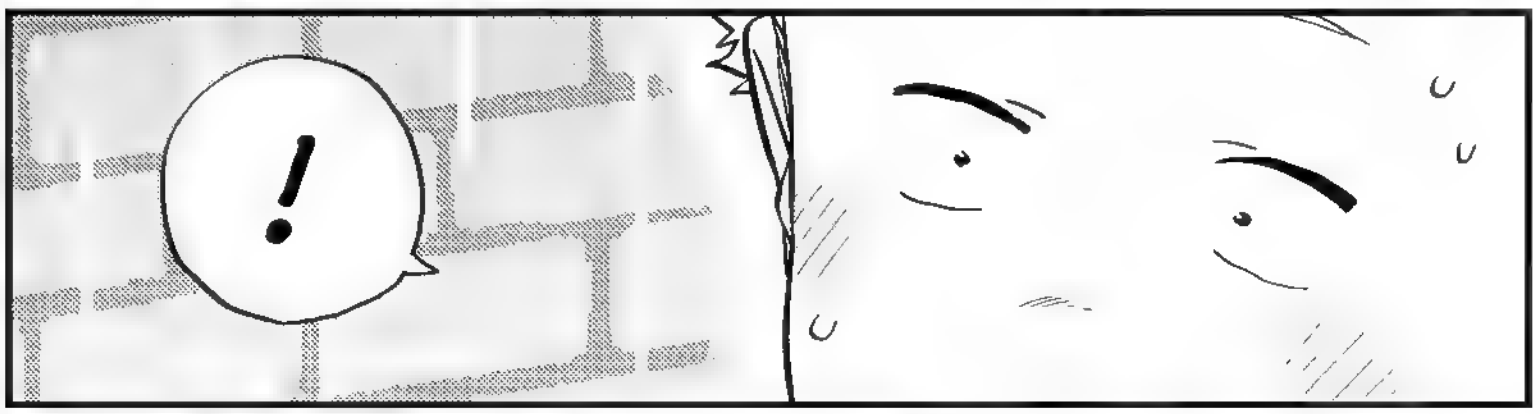
OKAY, I UNDER-STAND.
PERFORMANCE
THE COLD-BLOODED PRINCESS
WONDERFUL
-SUFFER MY WAVE MOTION PARTICLE GUN.-

THEN IF YOU SPEAK WORDS OF JOY...
...ALL WHO HEAR WILL BE JOYOUS!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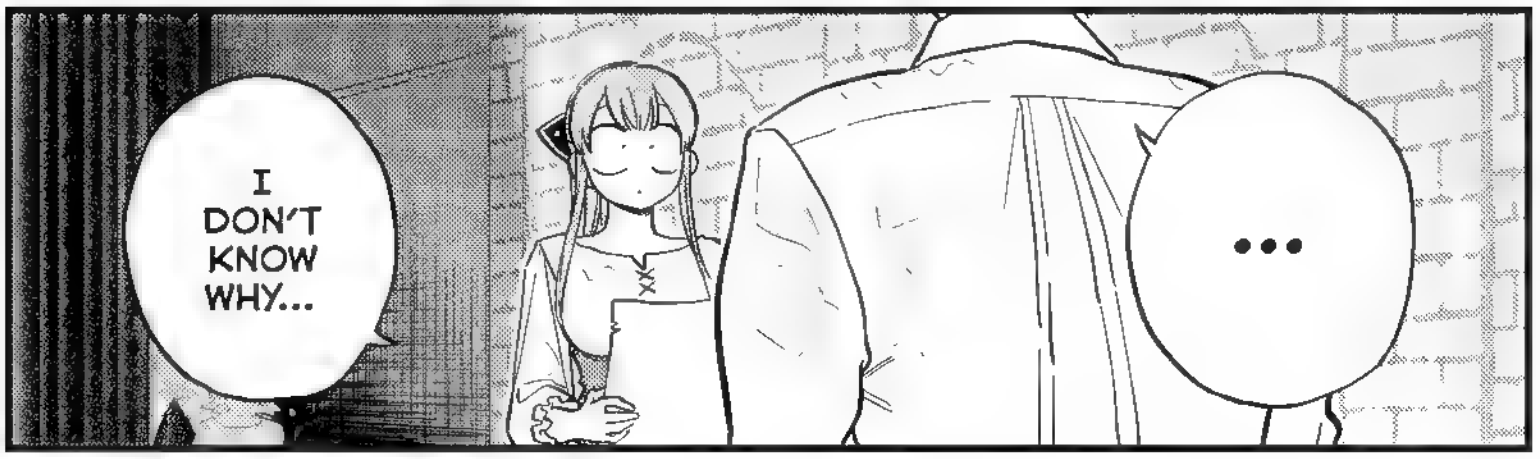
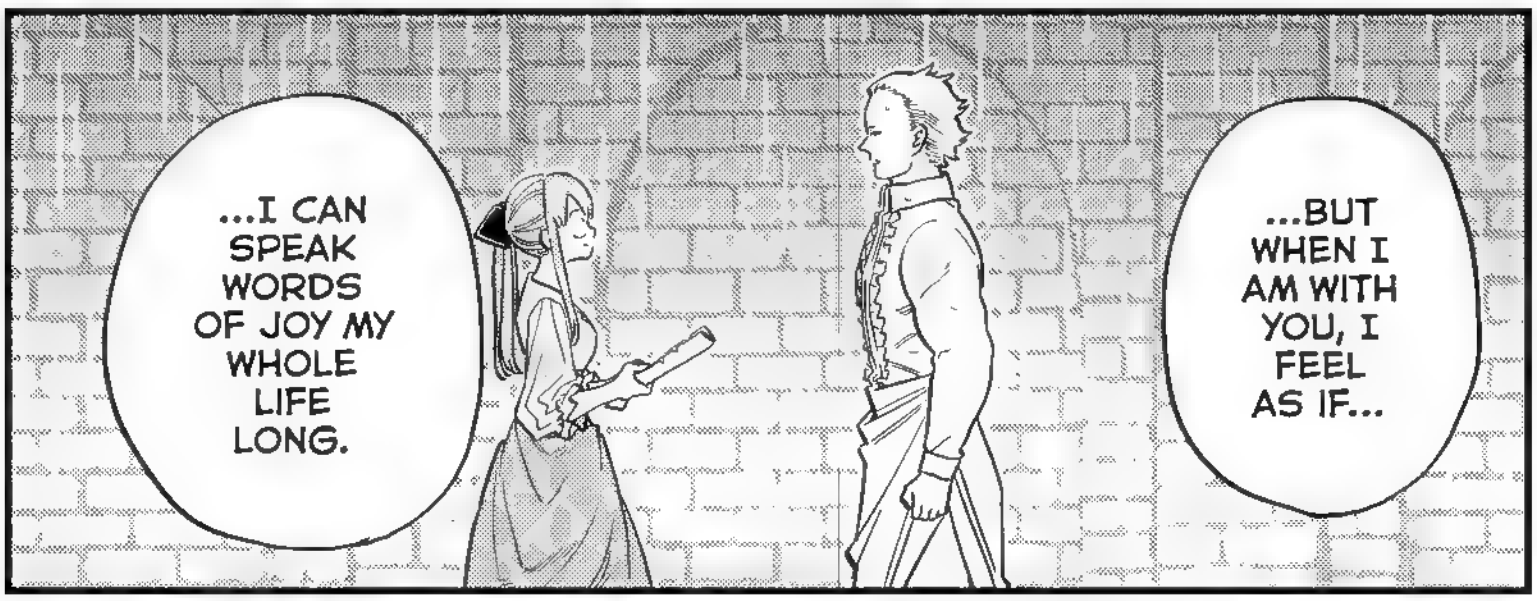
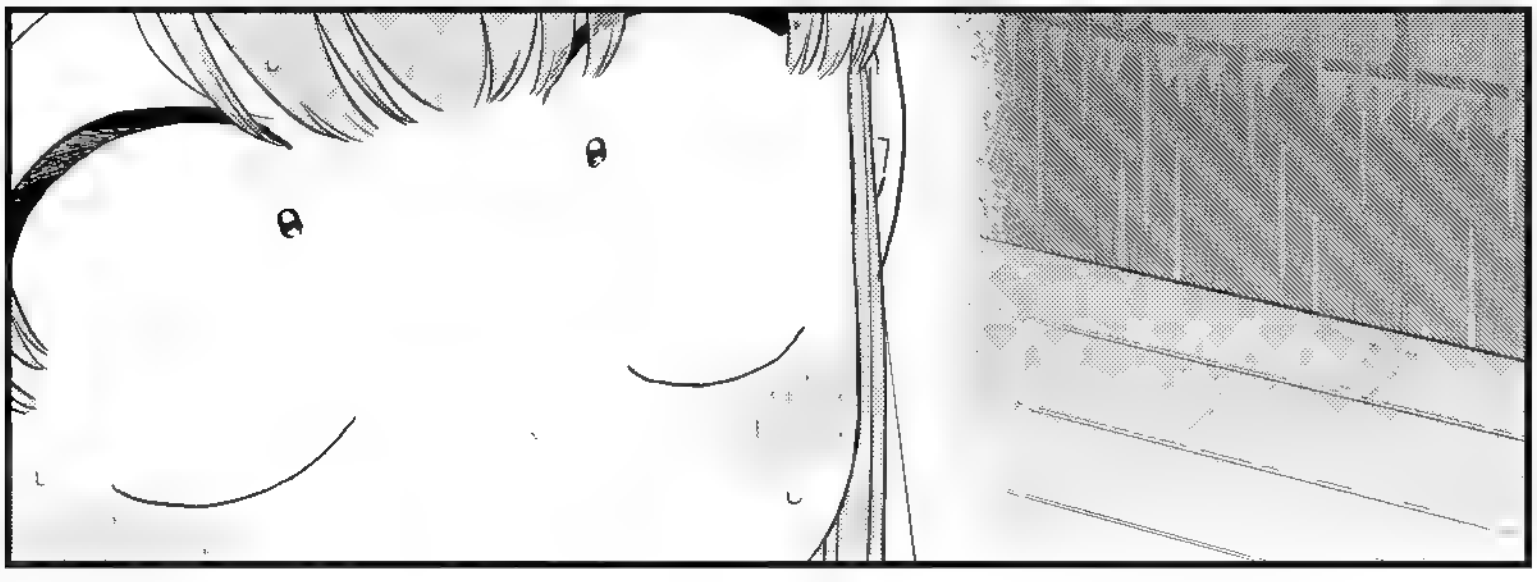

I DON'T KNOW WHY...
...


...I CAN SPEAK WORDS OF JOY MY WHOLE LIFE LONG.
...BUT WHEN I AM WITH YOU, I FEEL AS IF...

...LIKE YOU.
I...



YEAH, UM...

UH...

...

PWAAAAAH

...FOR LIGHT FLOODED THE REALM.

PERHAPS IT WAS HIS VOICE THAT STOPPED THE RAIN...

?!

OKAY, SHOW'S OVER!

THEN THEY MAKE OUT!

Narrator: Saku Fushima

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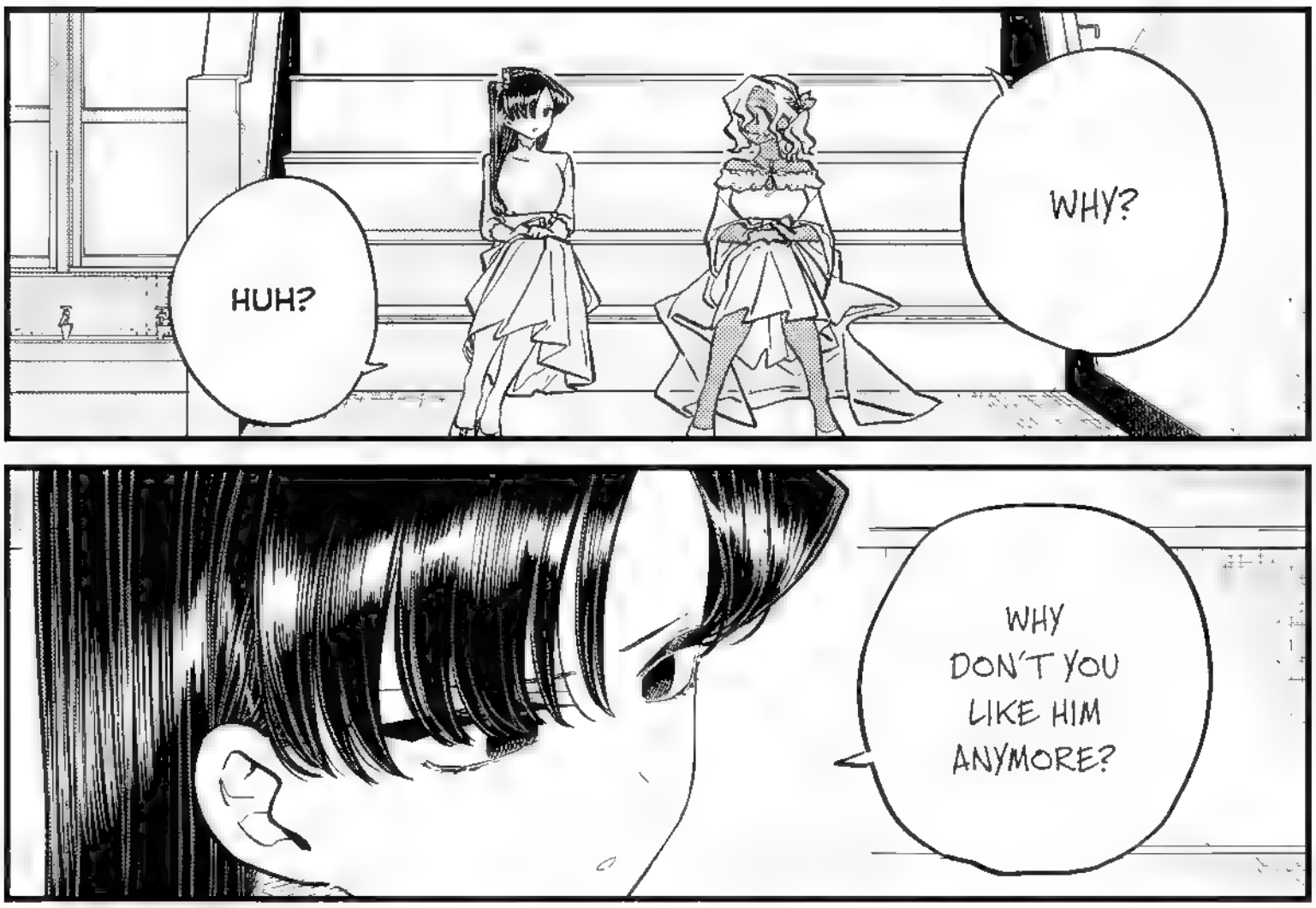
Communication 228: Out of the Question

DON'T...
...LIE TO ME.


HUH?
WHY?
WHY DON'T YOU LIKE HIM ANYMORE?

WELL, UM...
WE'D BE RIVALS IN LOVE!!
IT'D BE AWKWARD IF WE LIKED THE SAME GUY!
YOU KNOW!

DON'T MAKE ME SPELL IT OUT! AH HA HA!

I MEAN, COME ON!

TADANO WOULD DEFINITELY PICK YOU!

5

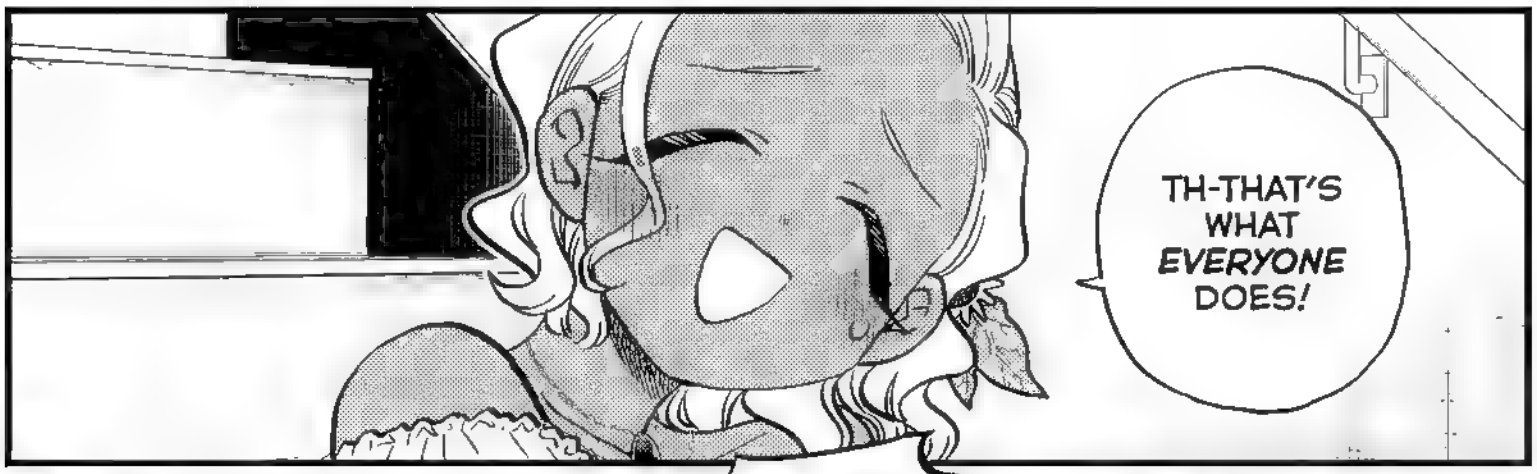
BESIDES! I CAN'T BEAT YOU!

YOU NEVER KNOW.

!

...WHY DOES ONE HAVE TO GIVE UP?

IF TWO PEOPLE LIKE THE SAME PERSON...


TH-THAT'S WHAT *EVERYONE* DOES!

I DON'T CARE ABOUT EVERY-ONE!

I'M TALKING ABOUT...
...YOU AND TADANO!

...!

YOU TWO SHOULD DECIDE FOR YOURSELVES.

NO ONE PERSON GETS TO DECIDE EVERYTHING.

SO IF YOU GIVE UP FOR MY SAKE...

...I WILL NEVER...

... FORGIVE YOU.

...FOR *YOU.*

IT ISN'T...

!

...AND I COULDN'T BELIEVE...

...I HADN'T NOTICED BEFORE.

WHEN I SAW YOUR PERFOR-MANCE...

...I REALIZED YOU LIKE HIM...

SO I GOT TO THINKING...

SW
...AND REALIZED I LIKE YOU MORE THAN I LIKE TADANO!
!!
GACK
GACK
AS A FRIEND! AND A HUMAN BEING!!
LIKE THAT!
BUT NOT LIKE THAT, OKAY?!

IF I STARTED DATING HIM...

...I COULDN'T HANG WITH YOU...

...AND THAT'D BE AWKWARD.

AH HA HA

BUT IF I GIVE UP ON HIM...

...THEN ALL THREE OF US CAN STILL BE FRIENDS...

...AND NO ONE WILL BE SAD...

...AND I PREFER THAT!

THAT'D BE THE BEST!

SO I'M GIVING UP ON EVERY-THING...

...FOR *MYSELF.*

?!

THAT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION.

!!

NOD

HUH?! EVEN THOUGH THAT'S WHAT I WANT?!

AREN'T YOU JEALOUS ?!

WHY?!

YOU WANT HIM FOR YOUR-SELF!!

...I AM JEALOUS!

ACTUALLY ...

GRIP

I DON'T WANT YOU TO LOSE YOUR SMILE!

STAY WITH US!

BUT IT WOULD BE WORSE IF YOU WERE SAD!

BECAUSE I REALLY LIKE...

...YOU TOO!

KOMI...

!!

DA DUMM

I WON'T BUDGE ON THIS!

MINE TOO.

RUB RUB

BUT IT'S FOR *MY* SAKE!

OUT OF THE QUES-TION.

BUT I VOLUNTEER TO GIVE UP!

YOU'RE EVEN PRET-TIER!

YOU'RE PRETTY! SO YOU'LL WIN!

OR HE MIGHT.

HE WON'T PICK ME ANY-WAY!

...!

YOU'RE PRETTY AND BRIGHT AND FUN.

YES, YOU ARE.

NO, I'M NOT!

IT'S OUT OF THE QUES-TION.

Don't be stub-born!

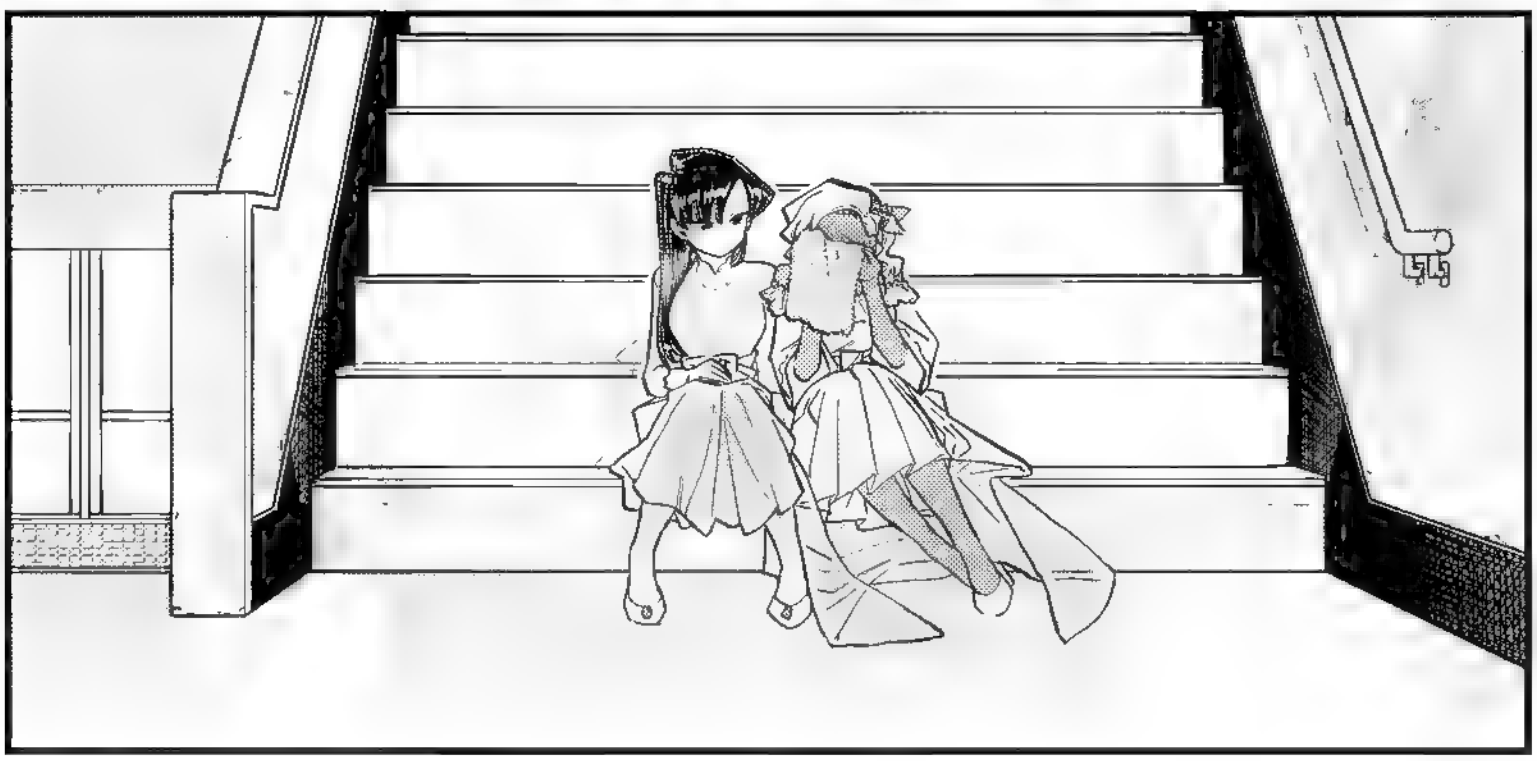
SO I GOTTA GIVE UP!

...!

YOU'RE PRETTY AND SMART AND A GOOD COOK!

DARN YOU...

IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION.



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JOLLLT

OH! THERE YOU TWO ARE!

T

TADANO ...

YOU'RE DRESSED LIKE A GIRL AGAIN!!

I HAVE TO OR THEY'LL FIND ME...

I HANDLED IT, DON'T WORRY.

SORRY! I STOLE HER!

!

WHAT ABOUT KOMI'S PERFOR-MANCE?!

BWA HA...

...

Communication 228 — The End

...after the festival began.

FEST

CURRY

Earlier ...

Cafe

DRINKS

SNACKS

SANDWICHES

And its name was...

BONK

BONK

BONK

BONK

A certain organi-zation was established.

FBI

...The Flirt Bureau of Investi-gation!

Or the FBI!!

?!

20 cm

KEEP A PROPER DISTANCE, YOU TWO.

20 cm

SWUP

Communication 229: The FBI

FBI Case Files

After 2-1's second perfor-mance

HEY, ASE!

FWAAAAK

GLEAM

GLEAM

Did I make a good villager?

FWUP

Awe-some! I knew it!

...YOU REALLY STOOD OUT.

GLEAM

GLEAM

YOU WERE JUST A VILLAGER, BUT...

BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH

BUT I'M DESTINED FOR MORE THAN THE STAGE!

RIGHT.

UH-HUH...

WHAT IF THERE WAS A TALENT SCOUT IN THE AUDIENCE?

SWUF

SWIF

ASE

UH-HUH...

I FELT RIGHT AT HOME IN THE SPOT-LIGHT!

I NEED TO PICK UP SMALL PIECES BY HAND.

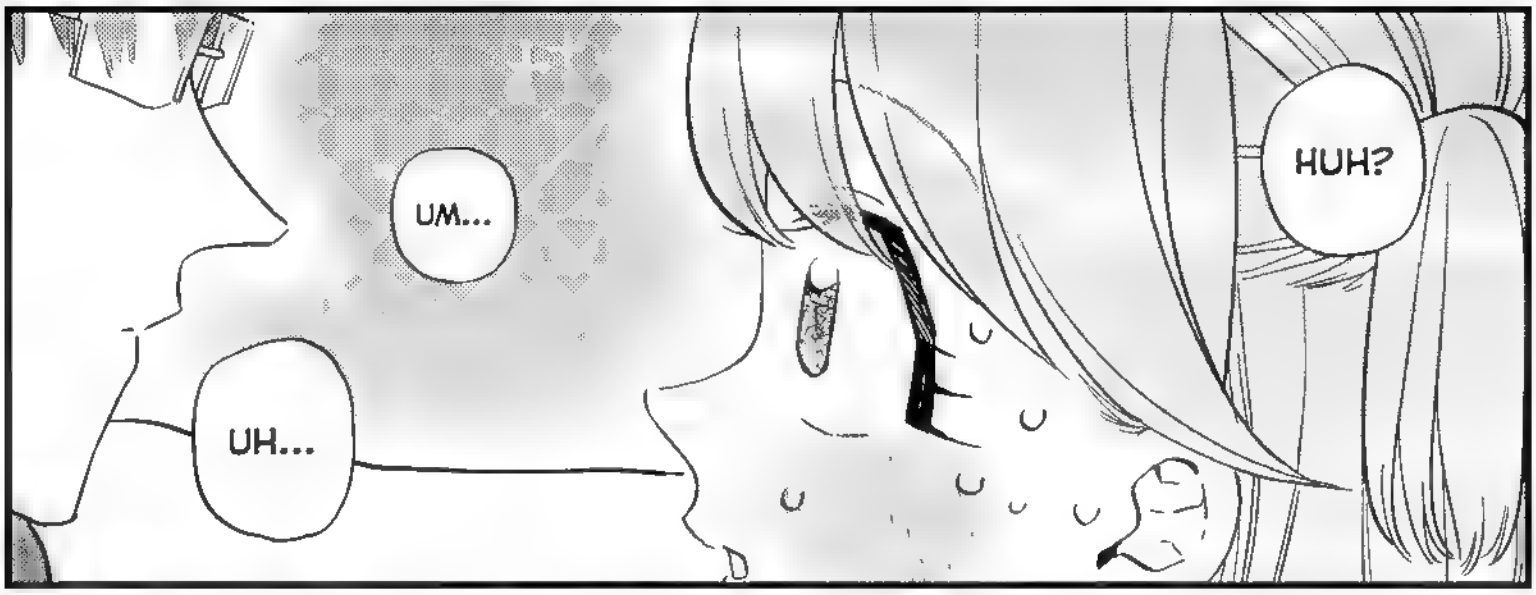
SIGH...

TCH

OH!

HE HELPED ME!
UH ...
UM...
...IT'S EASY FOR ME.
CON-FETTI STICKS TO MY SWEAT, SO...
SWIP
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HELP ME!
SORRY!

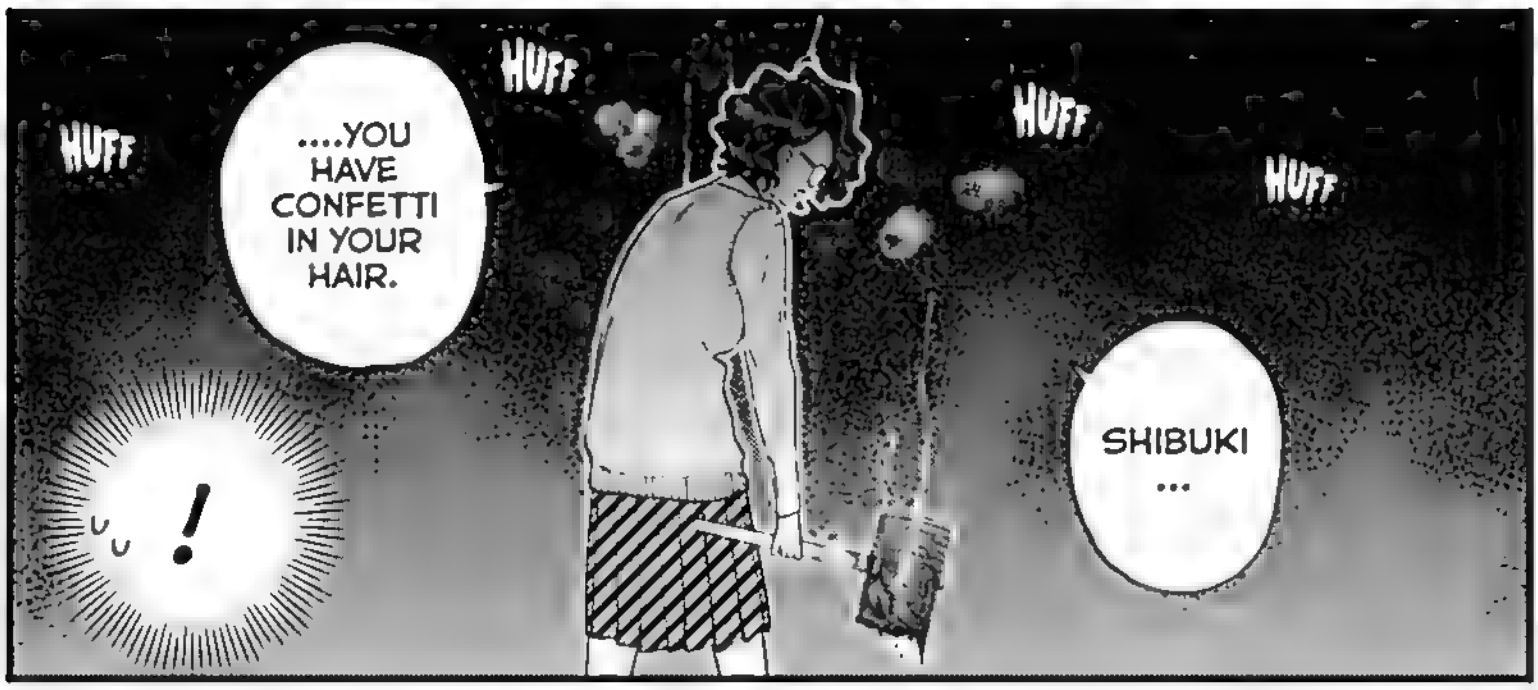
HM?
HOLD STILL.

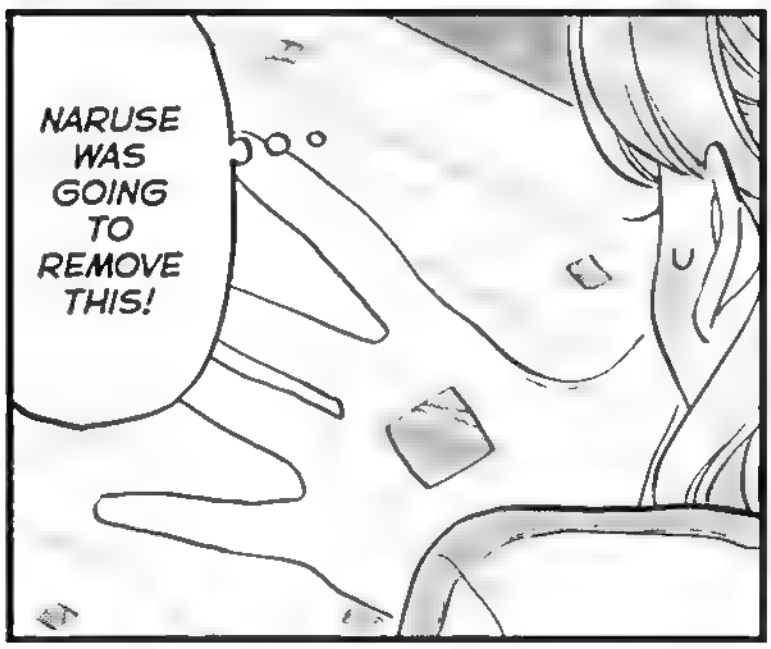

UM...
UH...
HUH?

...SO CLOSE!
HE'S ...

BONK
?!

KIYO ...
HUH? HEY!
KIYOKO?!
BONK


HUFF
....YOU HAVE CONFETTI IN YOUR HAIR.
!
SHIBUKI ...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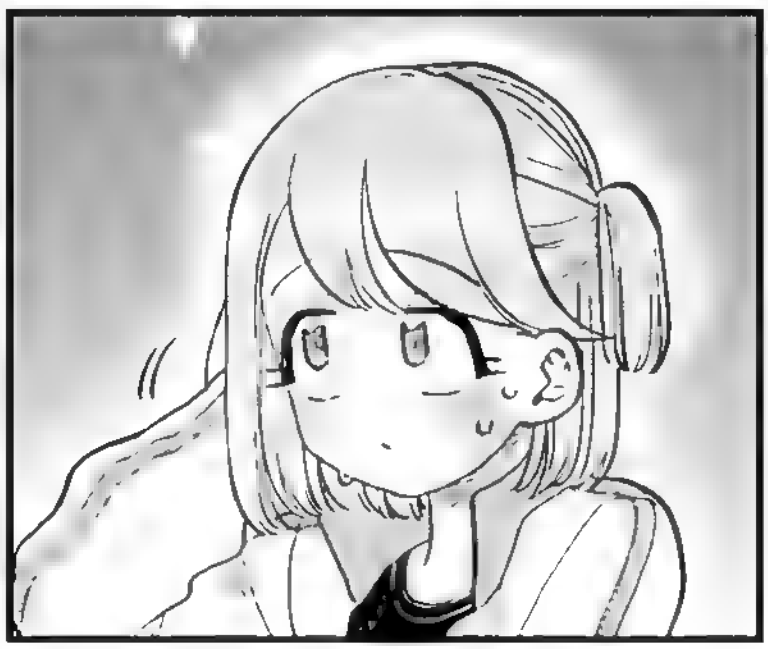

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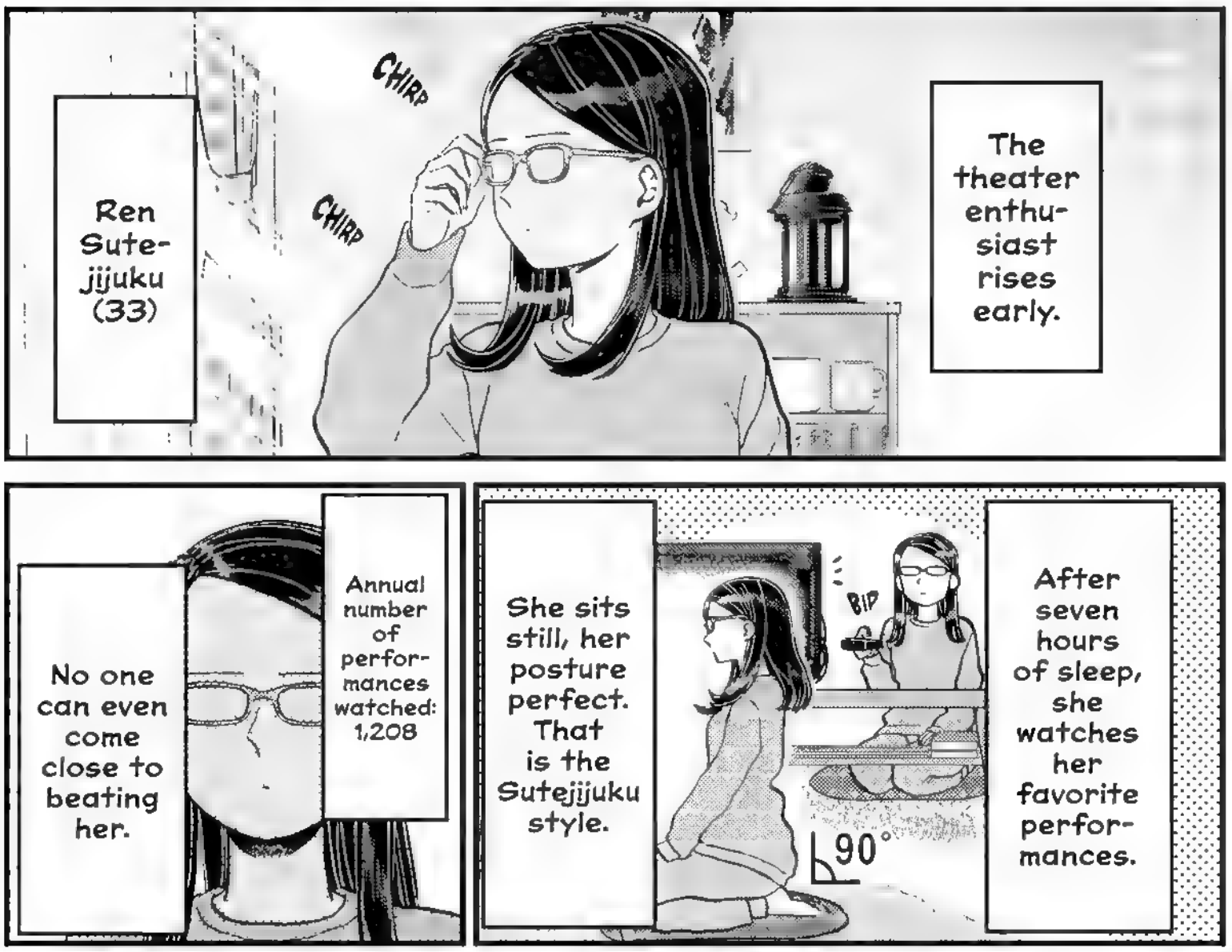

Ren Sute-jijuku (33)
CHIRP
CHIRP
The theater enthu-siast rises early.
No one can even come close to beating her.
Annual number of perfor-mances watched: 1,208
She sits still, her posture perfect. That is the Sutejijuku style.
BIP
90°
After seven hours of sleep, she watches her favorite perfor-mances.
Her hunger knows no bounds.
Here she is.
During the arts-festival season, she even watches elementary school perfor-mances.
...so they drag her out in a full nelson.
But she has no right to be there...

Communication 230: Performance

High school culture festivals are more welcoming.

And Class 2-1 is staging a performance.

As a matter of principle...

...she avoids advance information.

But she doesn't mind audience comments...

...because that's part of the theatrical experience.

I HEARD THE HEROINE IS A MATCHLESS BEAUTY!

AND THE PRINCE IS HANDSOME!

BI NG

Then it begins.

Sutejijuku snaps to attention.

NOW FOR CLASS 2-1'S SECOND PERFORMANCE OF *THE COLD-BLOODED PRINCE.*

90°

Super excited.

But she isn't above enjoying artless amateur enthusiasm.

...so she doesn't expect much.

It isn't a drama club performance...

PW

All

YIKES!!

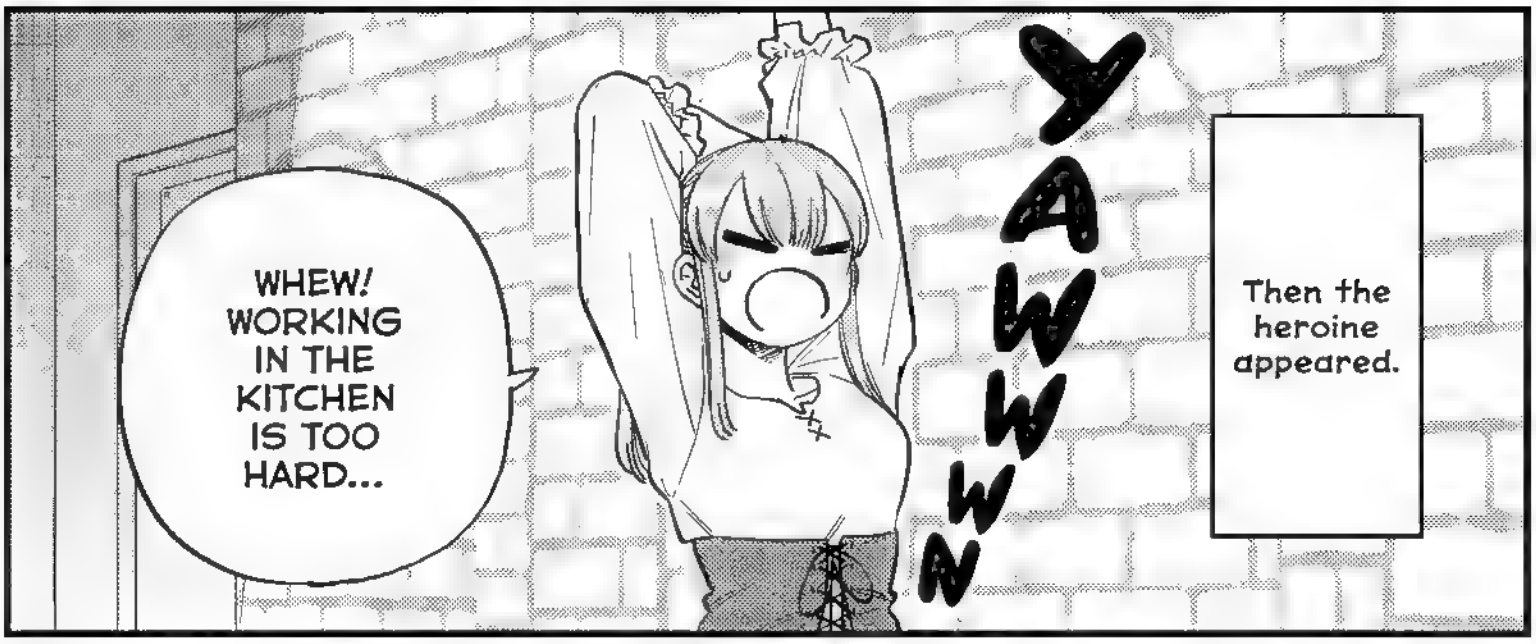
It is the cold-blooded prince...

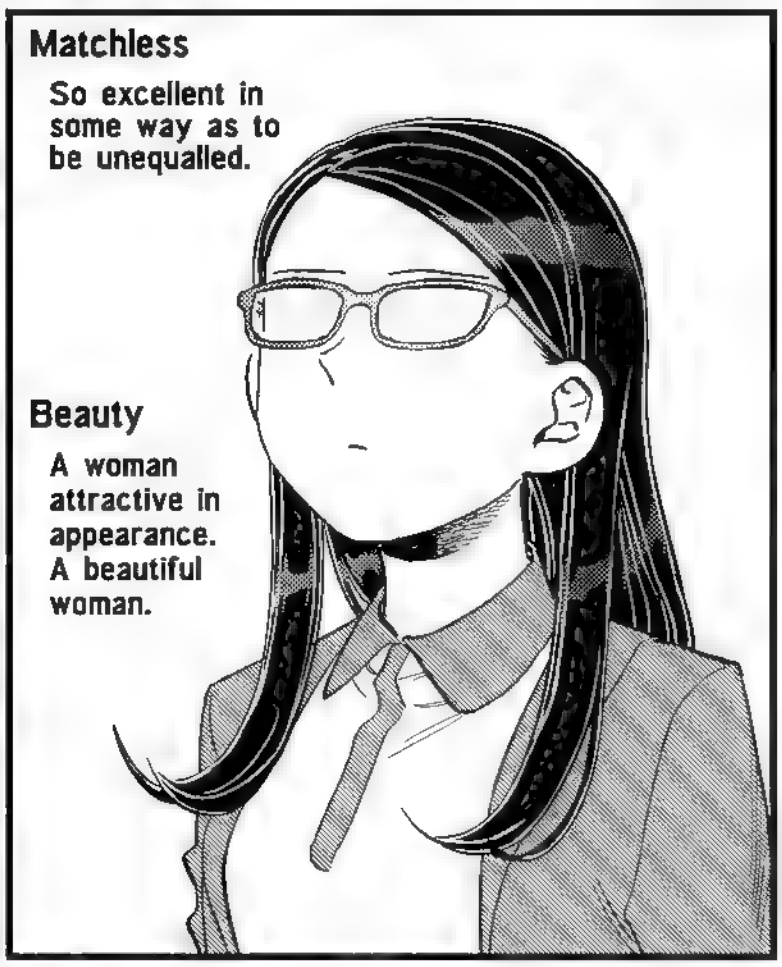
Then the hero appears.

AH

...and he is exactly her type.

BLUSH


WHEW! WORKING IN THE KITCHEN IS TOO HARD...
YAWWWWN
Then the heroine appeared.


Matchless
So excellent in some way as to be unequalled.
Beauty
A woman attractive in appearance. A beautiful woman.

And she looks around in confusion.

"It's just a normal girl. Oh well. You never can trust word of mouth."

90°

Beginning to record

BEEP

WHAT'S WITH MY BROTHER AND THAT MUSCLEY GUY?

HUH? WHERE'S KOMI?

TADANO MAKES A BETTER GIRL THIS YEAR...

...

WHY ARE GUYS PLAYING BOTH ROLES THIS TIME?

That changes everything.

80°

IT'S A BOY DRESSED AS A GIRL!!

75 degrees

75°

ARE YOU MAKING A CROWN OF CLOVER?

THAT'S UNUSUAL FOR A BOY.

70 degrees

70°

DID YOU BUMP INTA ME WIDDOUT APOLO-GIZIN'?

*Hmmm ?

60 degrees

60°

YET THE GIRL WOULD COME EVERY DAY, AND THE PRINCE...

...WOULD GAZE UPON HER LONGINGLY FROM HIS WINDOW.

That angle!

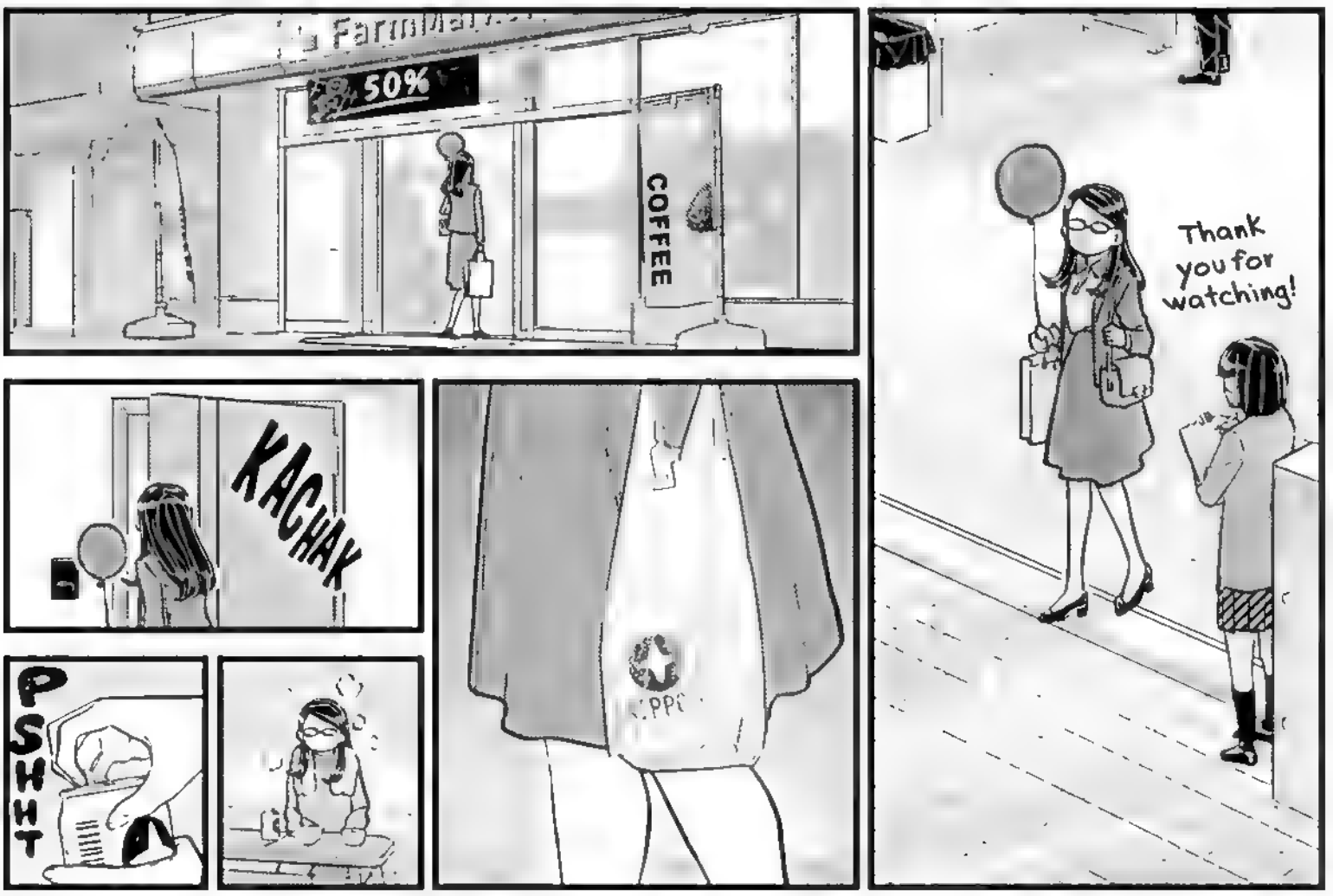
She's hit 45 degrees !!

45°

I...

... LIKE YOU.

OKAY, SHOW'S OVER!
THEN THEY MAKE OUT!
CHATTER
45°
CHATTER


50%
COFFEE
KACHAK
PSHHT
Thank you for watching!

GUZZLE
GULP GULP
THEY DIDN'T SHOW THEM MAKING OUT!!
GYAAAR-RRGH!!
The Unfiction
This is why she can never stop.
Join us next time on The Unfiction for more tales of love, loss, and the human condition.

Communication 230 — The End

Sutejijuku's Favorite Snacks, Ranked!!

1. Roasted stingray fin
2. Blue cheese
3. Omelet with fermented soybeans

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AH HA HA!

AH HA HA!

*After communication 228.

...HAAA...

...HA HA...

AH HA HA...

...

OKAY... AWK-WARD!!

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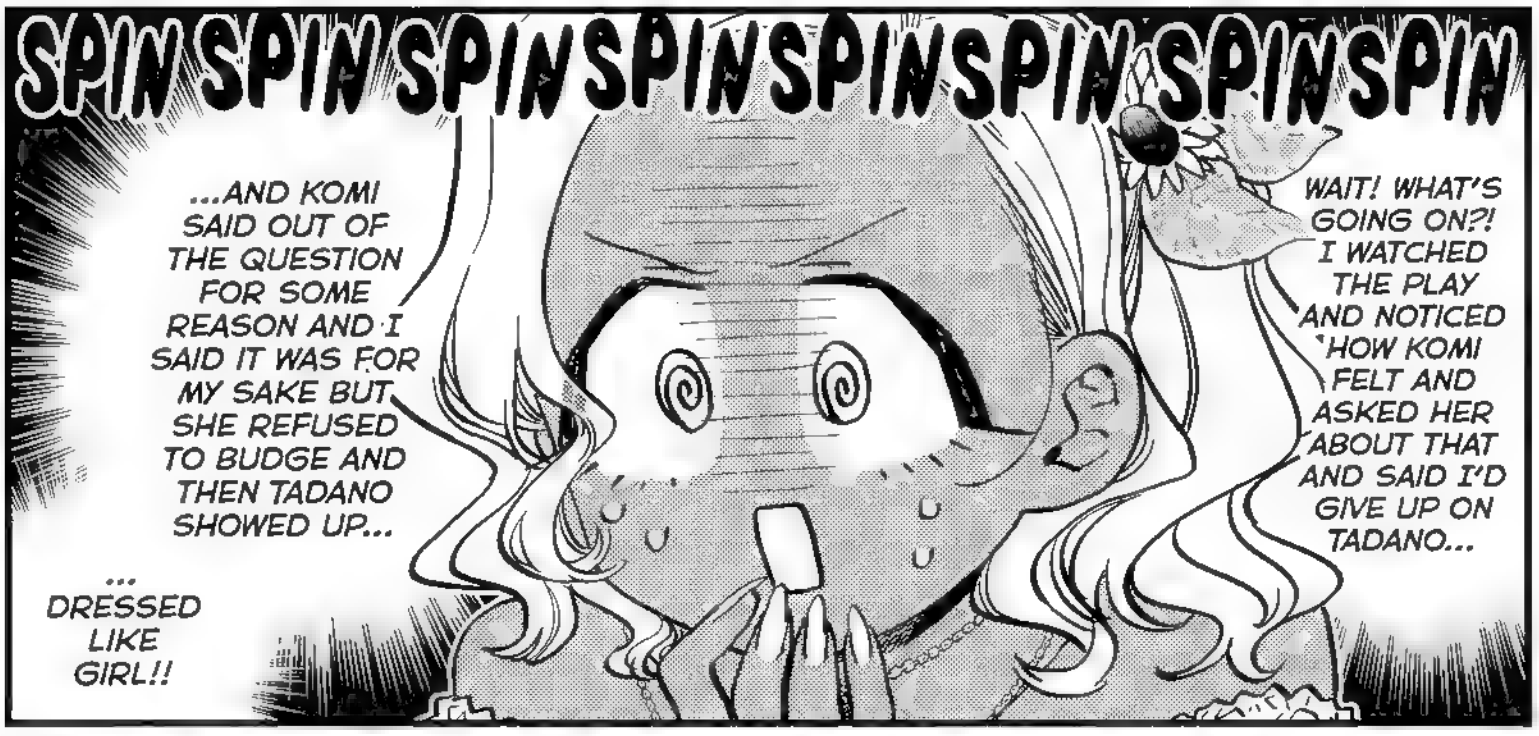
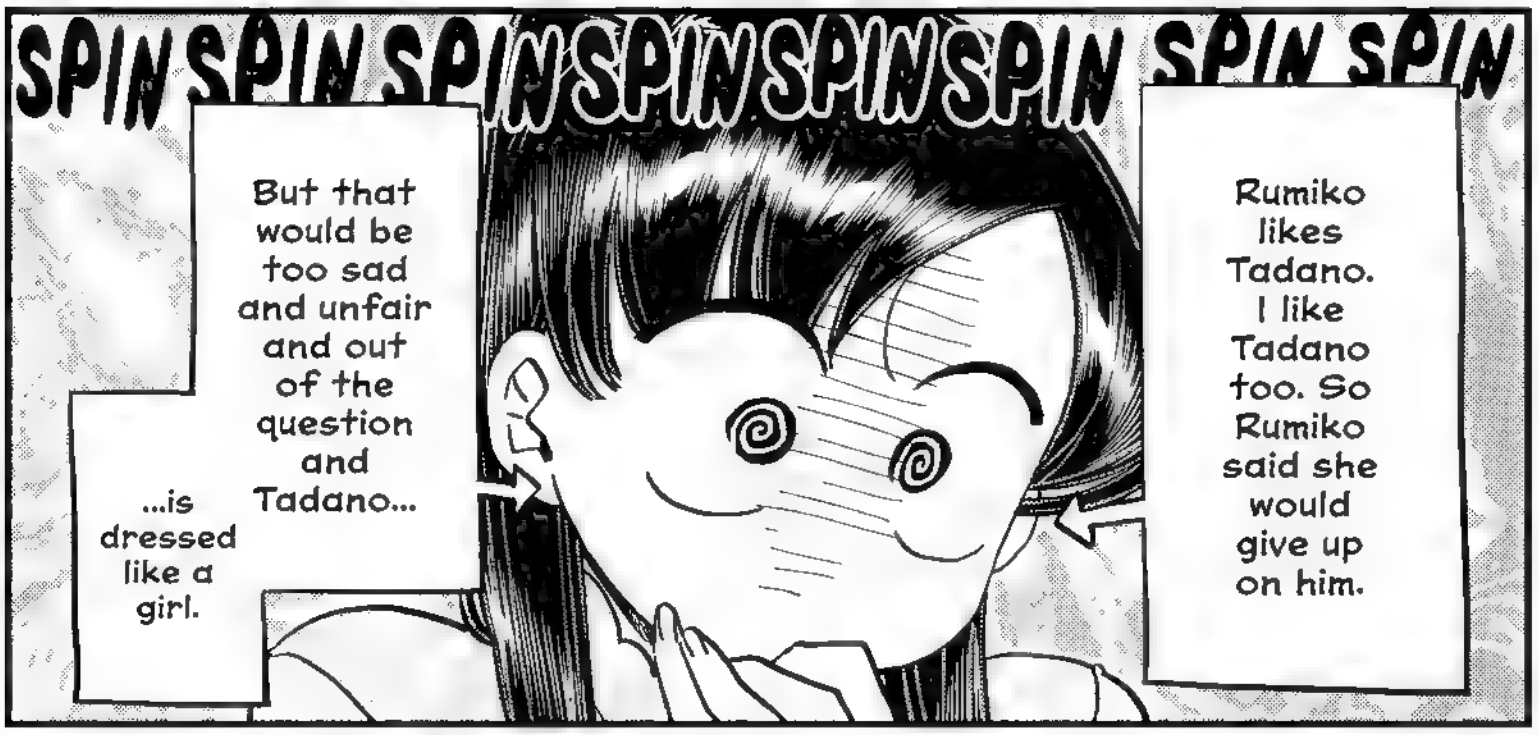
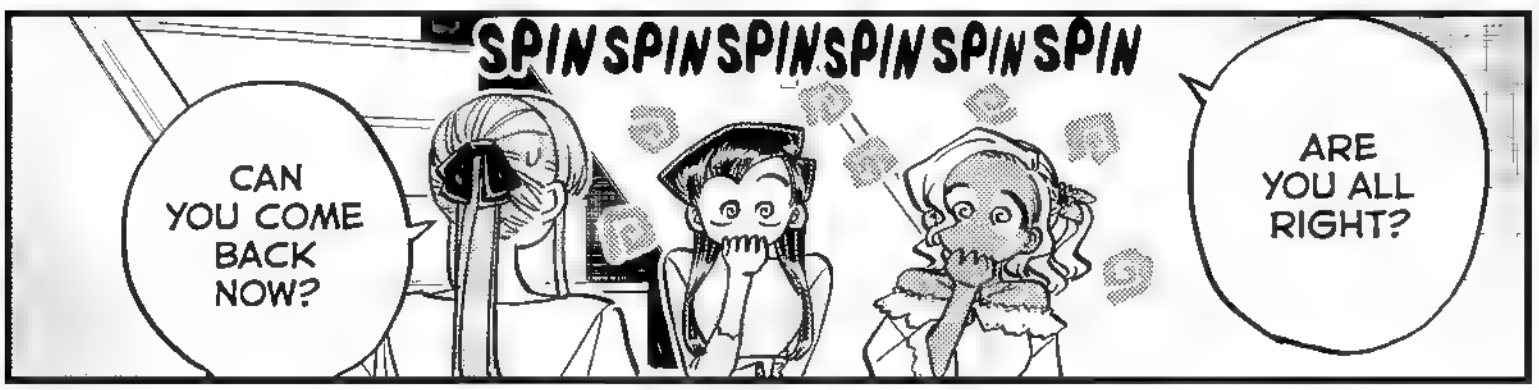
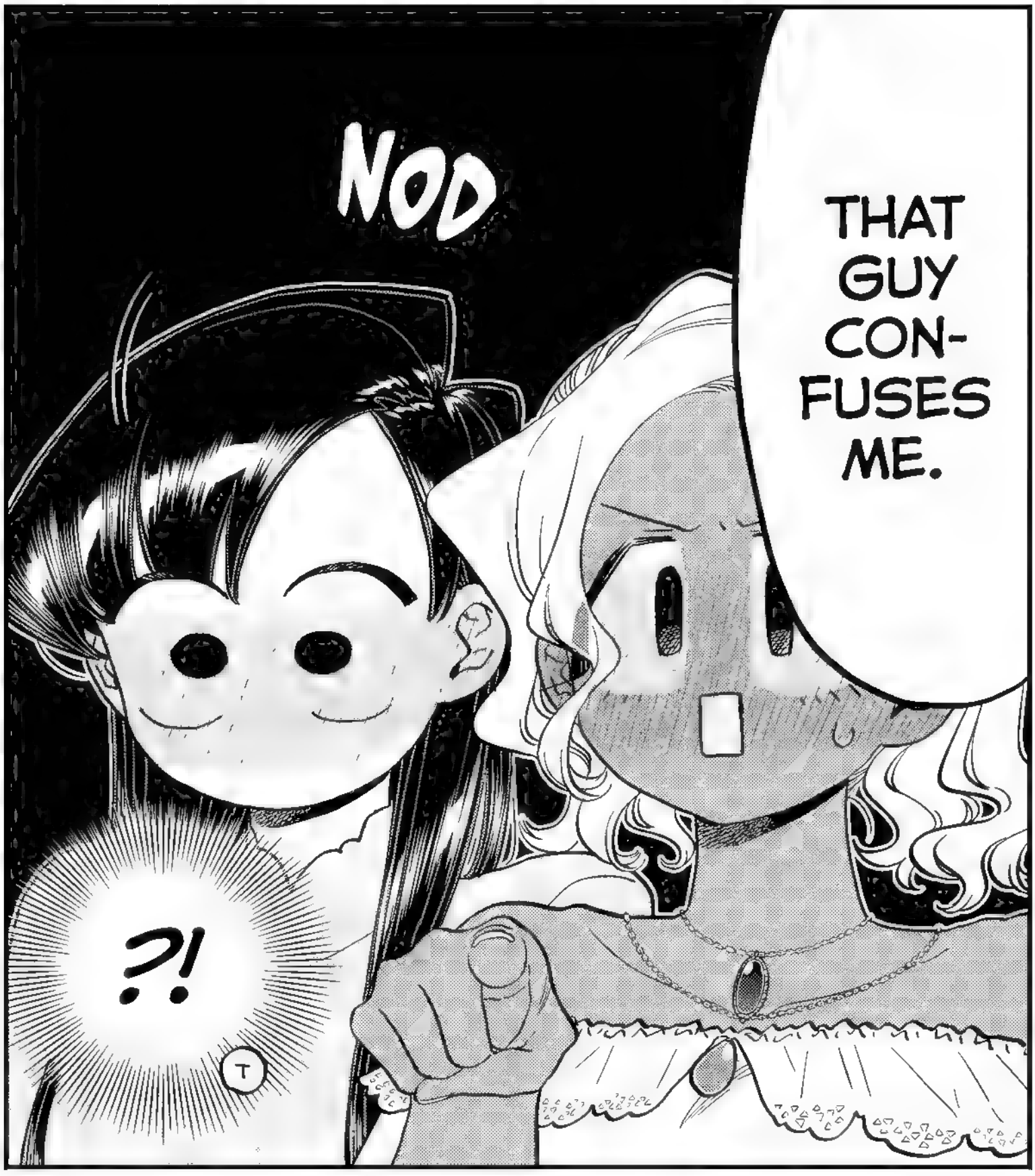

SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN
...AND KOMI SAID OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR SOME REASON AND I SAID IT WAS FOR MY SAKE BUT SHE REFUSED TO BUDGE AND THEN TADANO SHOWED UP...
...DRESSED LIKE GIRL!!
WAIT! WHAT'S GOING ON?! I WATCHED THE PLAY AND NOTICED HOW KOMI FELT AND ASKED HER ABOUT THAT AND SAID I'D GIVE UP ON TADANO...


SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN
But that would be too sad and unfair and out of the question and Tadano...
...is dressed like a girl.
Rumiko likes Tadano. I like Tadano too. So Rumiko said she would give up on him.


SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN
CAN YOU COME BACK NOW?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

...
NOD NOD NOD
!
!
SORRY TO MAKE YOU WORRY !!
GASP
YEAH, I'M FINE!
UM...

GOOD. YOU LOOK LIKE A WEIGHT HAS BEEN LIFTED, MANBAGI.
!
YOU TOO, KOMI.
!



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Communication 231: Invitation

AND SORRY I'M LATE!

2-1

SORRY I WORRIED EVERY-ONE!

Welcome back!

I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE FEELING BETTER.

BOW BOW

AND SORRY FOR STEALING KOMI FROM HER PERFOR-MANCE!

REALLY! I'M SORRY!!

IN FACT, IT WAS A SUC-CESS.

TADANO AND KATAI BROUGHT THE HOUSE DOWN!

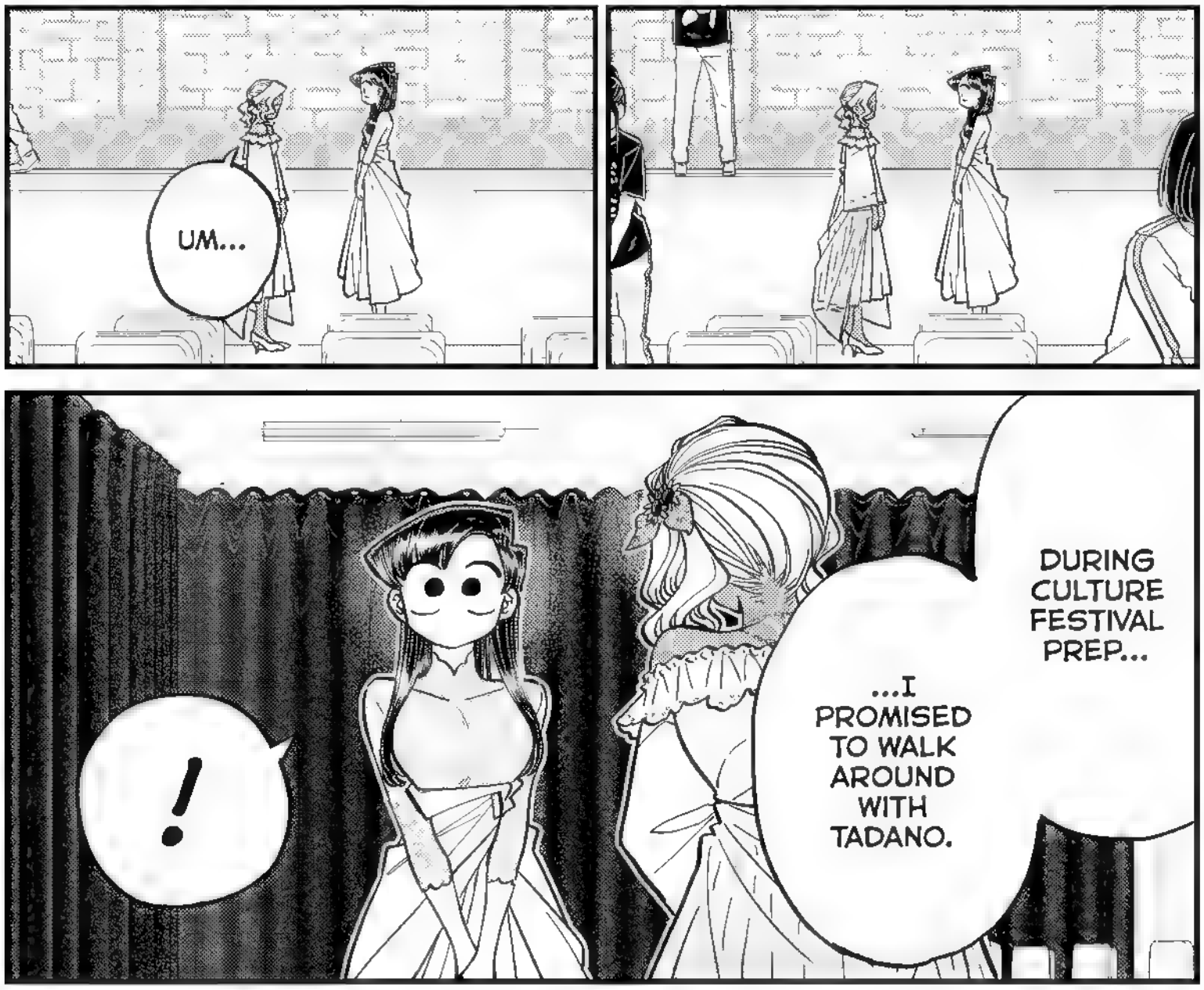
THE PERFOR-MANCE WAS FINE.

UM... WHAT HAP-PENED?

...

...

What happened?
All right!!
CLAP CLAP
PREPARE FOR THE NEXT SHOW!!
BURN FIRE!
!
WAIT, KOMI!


UM...
!
DURING CULTURE FESTIVAL PREP...
...I PROMISED TO WALK AROUND WITH TADANO.

AND THEN I BACKED OUT.

...BUT IF YOU STILL WANT TO...

NAH, SORRY! LET'S CANCEL THAT!

BUT YOU TOLD ME...

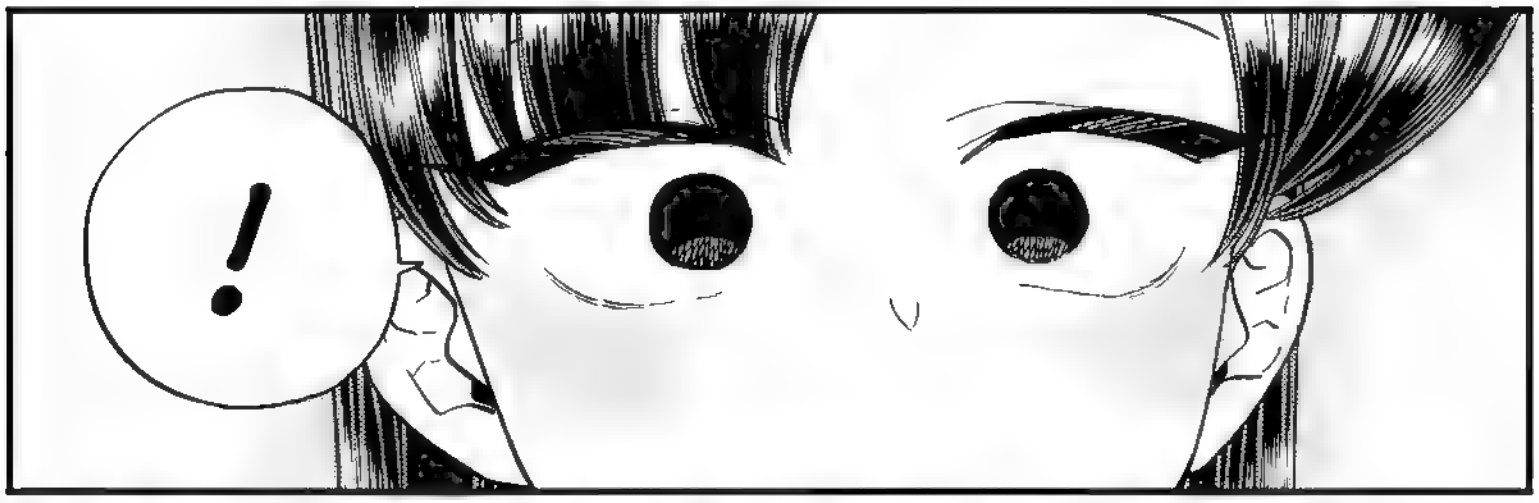
...THAT I SHOULDN'T GIVE UP, SO...

...YOU SHOULD ...

...GO WALK AROUND WITH HIM!

AND THEN *I'M* GONNA ...

...ASK HIM TO GO AROUND WITH *ME!*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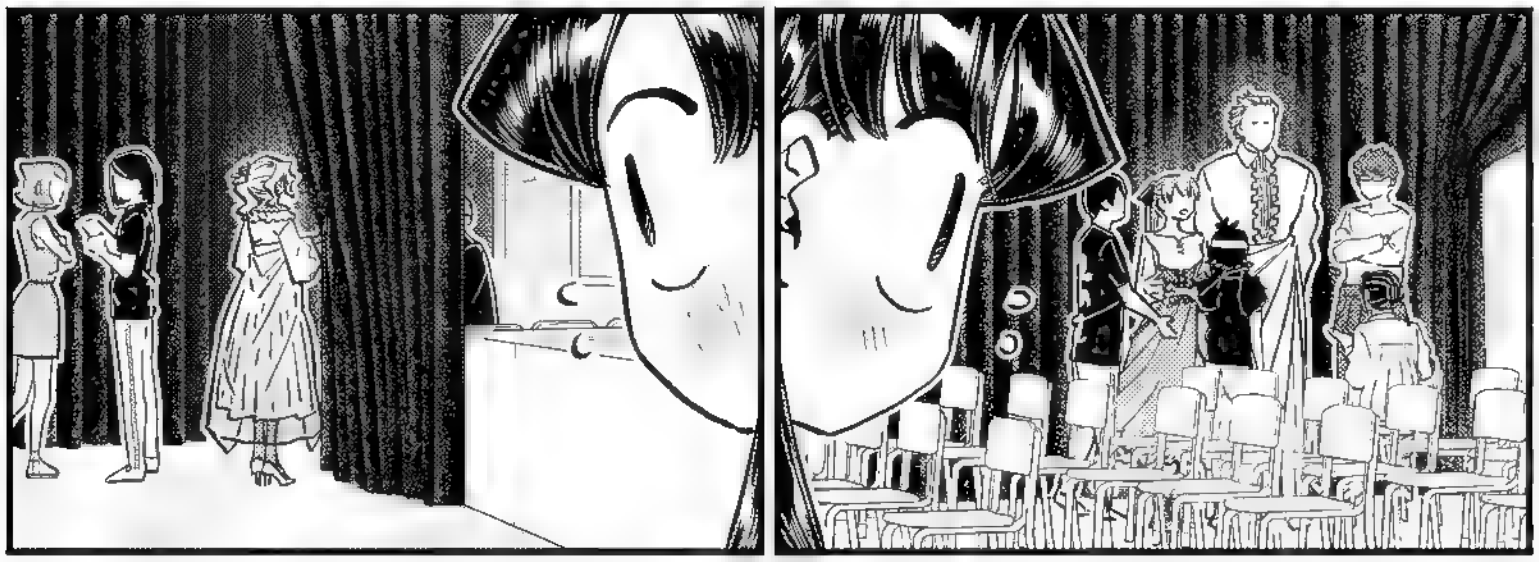
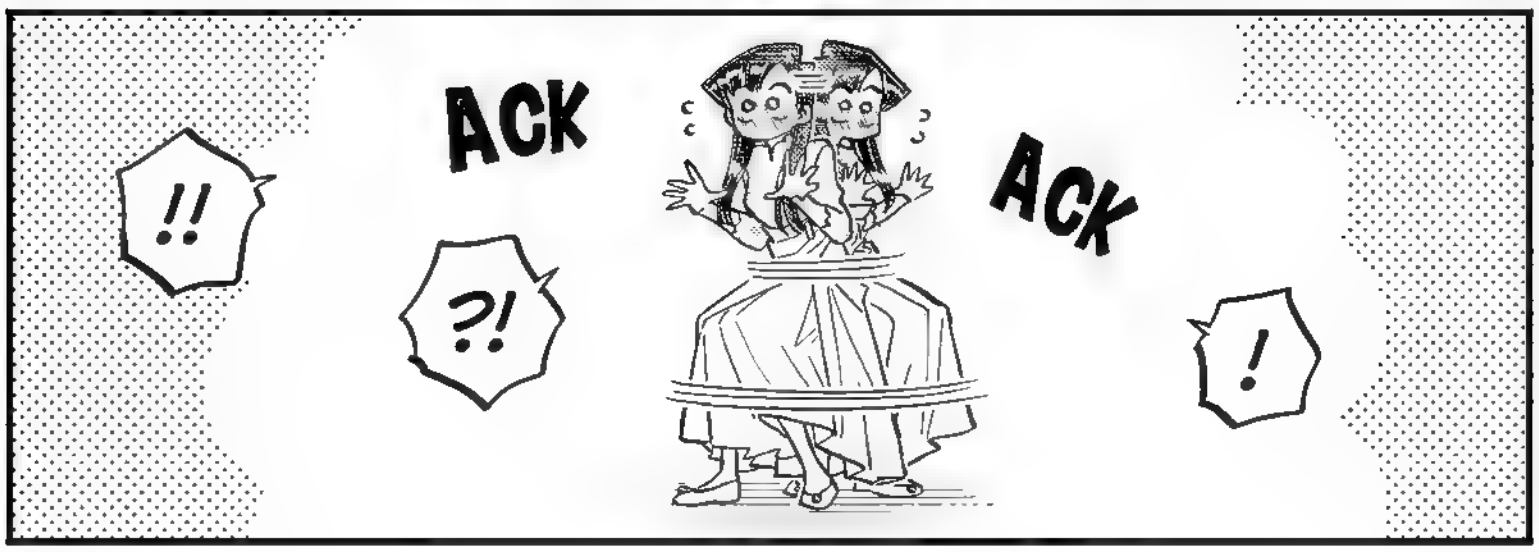
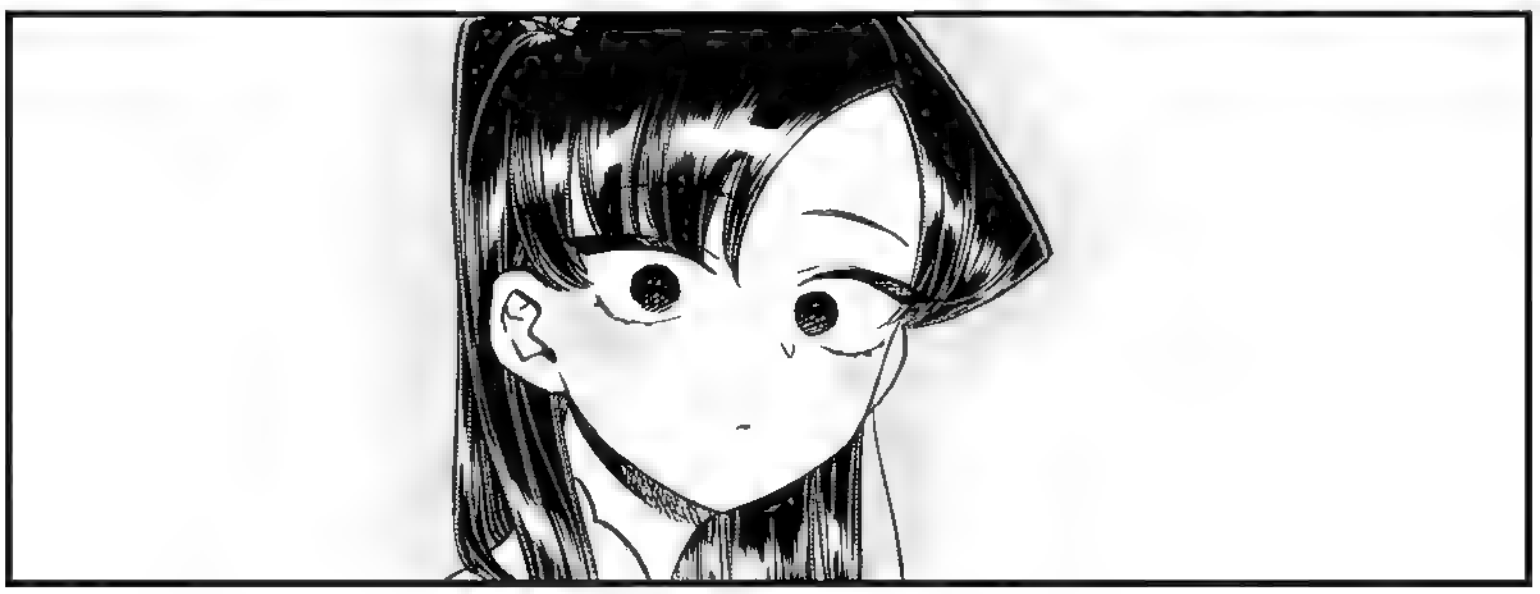
!
!!
FWOOOO
SH
...I GET IT NOW.




!!
ACK
?!
ACK
!

Ack

Gasp



...HAS REALLY CHANGED, BUT...

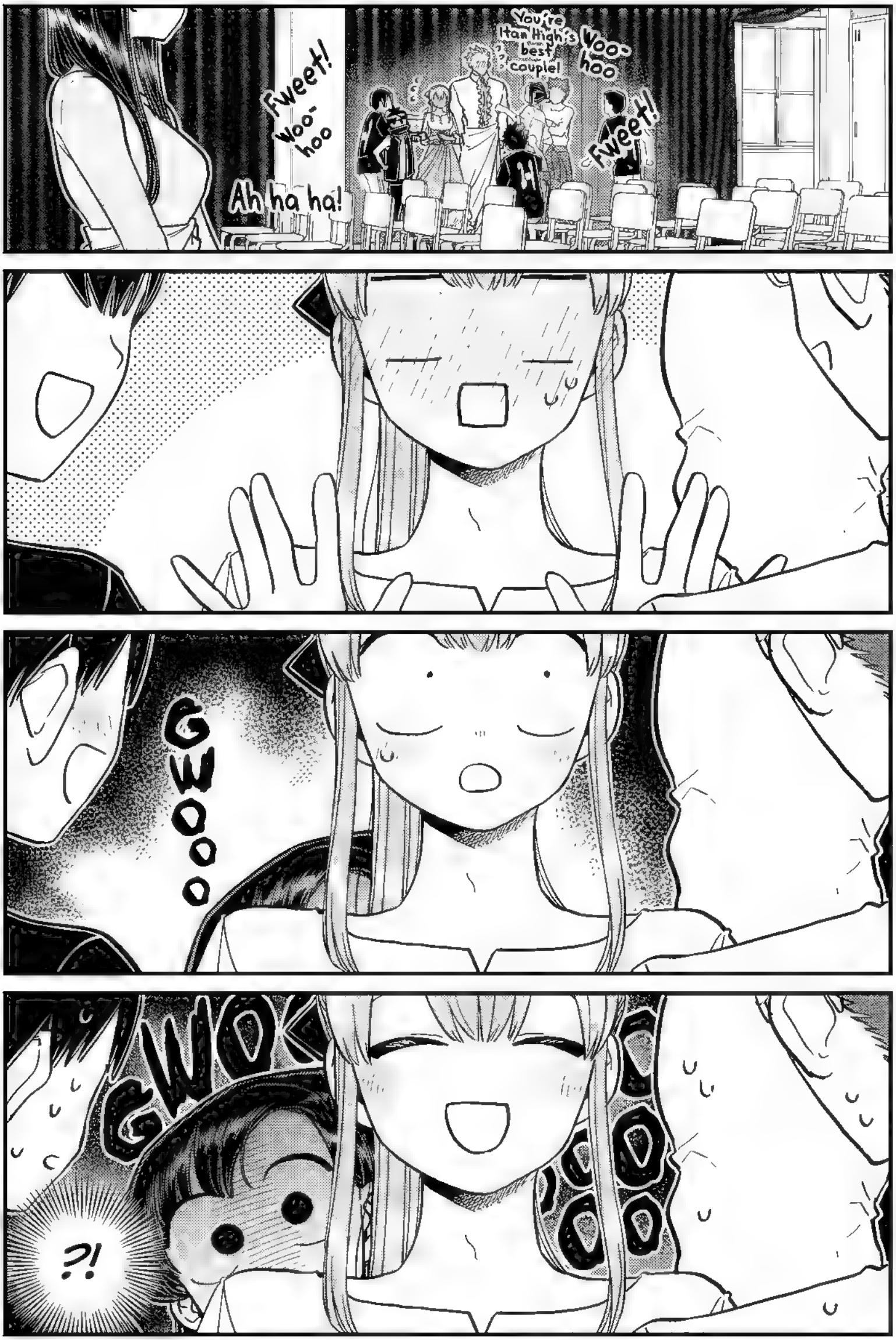
NOTHING ...

...I FEEL MUCH LIGHTER NOW.

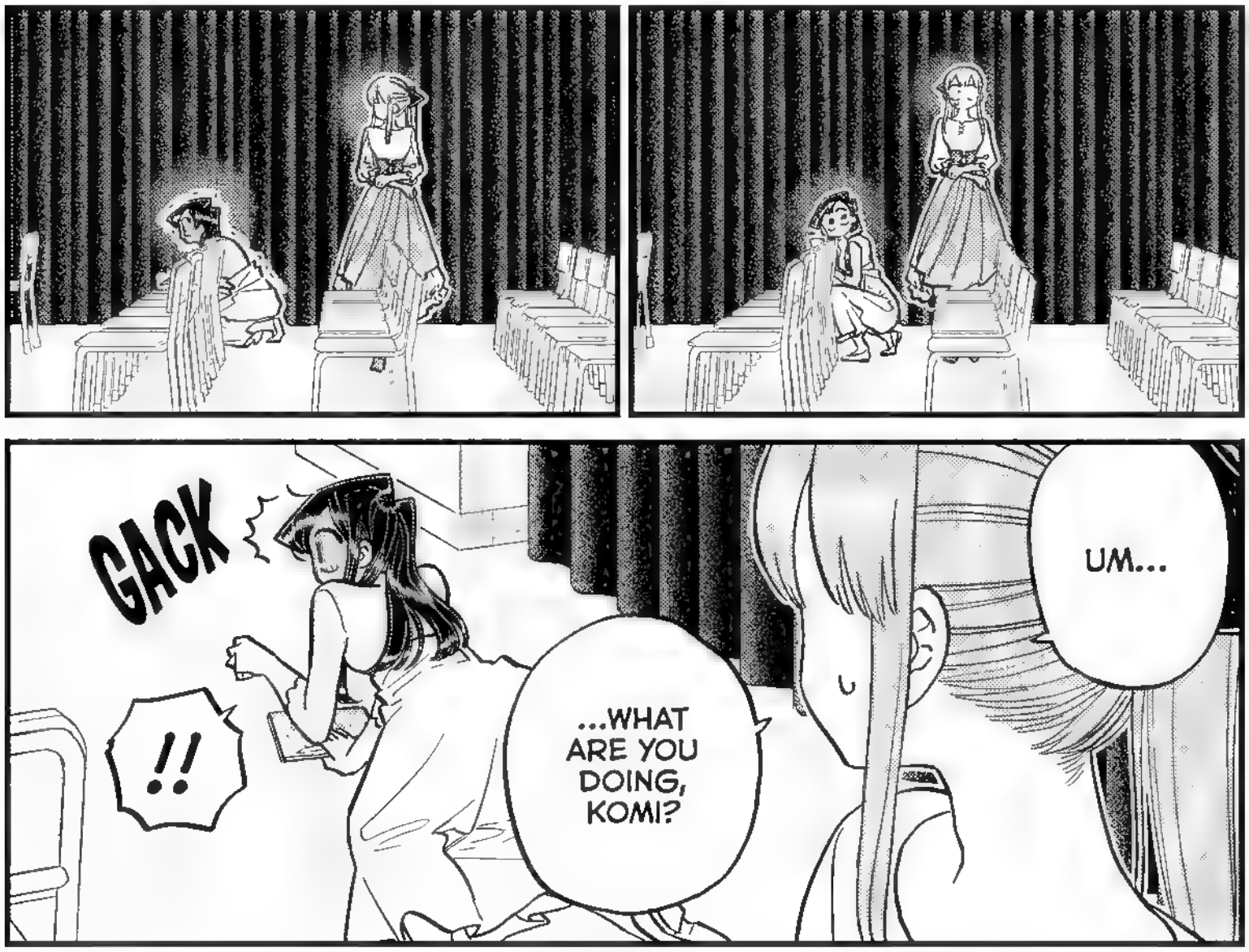
OH, JUST A HAPPY THOUGHT!

HM? WHY THE SMILE?

Ah ha ha!


Fweet!
Woo-hoo
Ah ha ha!
You're Itan High's best couple!
Woo-hoo
Fweet!
GWOOO
GWOK
OOO
?!

GWOOO
SHE DISAPPEARED AGAIN?!
?
YEAH!
Y...
L-LET'S GO HELP OVER THERE!
SWOOOOOOOOOOSH


GACK
!!
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KOMI?
UM...

FREAK
!
OUT
?!
FWUMP
!!
YOU'RE SUCH A PAIN!
WHILE HOPING YOU'LL WRITE SOMETHING DOWN!
SO I JUST BLAB AND BLAB
I CAN NEVER TELL WHAT YOU'RE THINKING!
ACK
ACK
ARE Y-YOU ALL RIGHT ?
UM...

...GO WALK AROUND WITH HIM!

...YOU SHOULD ...

W...

...

...

W... W...

W- W...

...

W...

W...

...T...

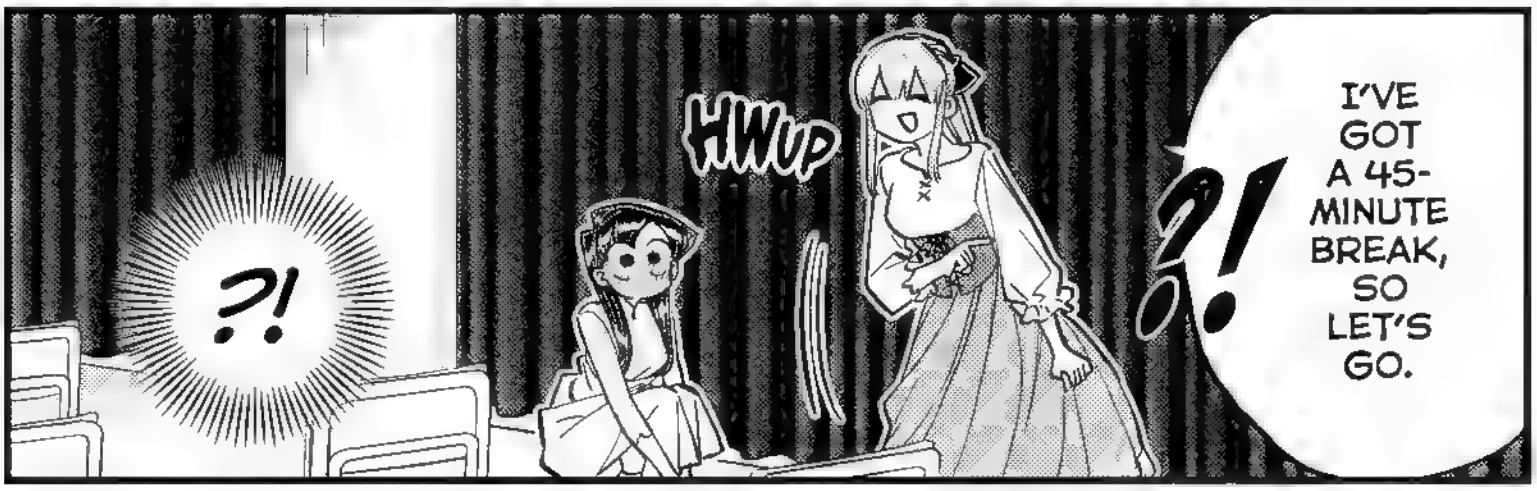
W...

...TO W-WALK AROUND THE FESTIVAL ...

... TOGETH-ER?

WOULD YOU LIKE...

TA
YEAH, SURE!
?!
DUM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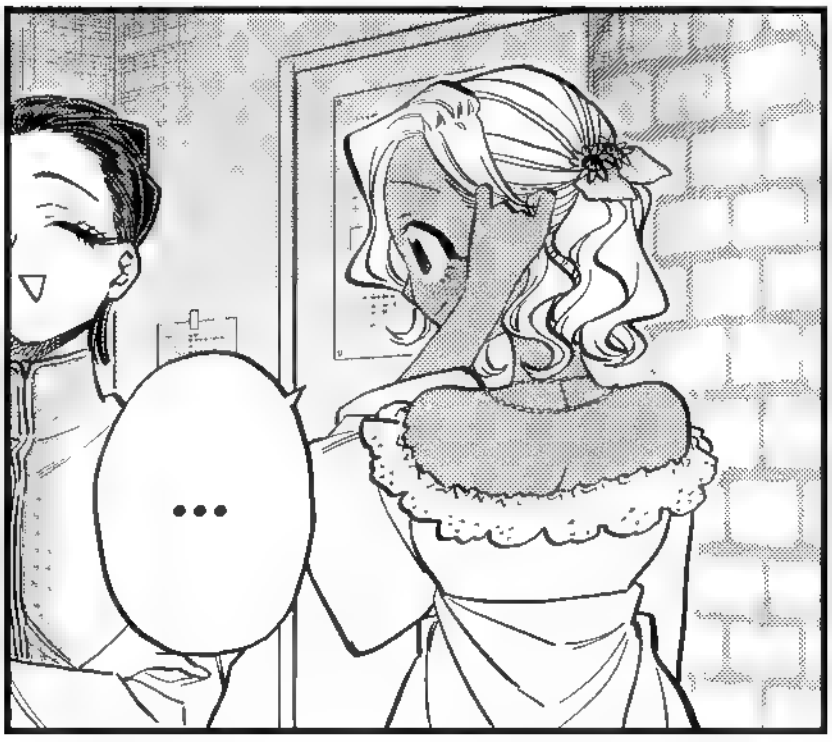
HWUP
?!
I'VE GOT A 45-MINUTE BREAK, SO LET'S GO.


...

?!
ACK
?!
ACK

Mean-while!!

Yuragi Emoyama

WOOSH

A BLAST OF EMOI?!

I SMELL LILIES!

BUT SOME-THING IS SLIGHTLY OFF...

I MUST INVES-TIGATE!

LICK

Lily Sukida

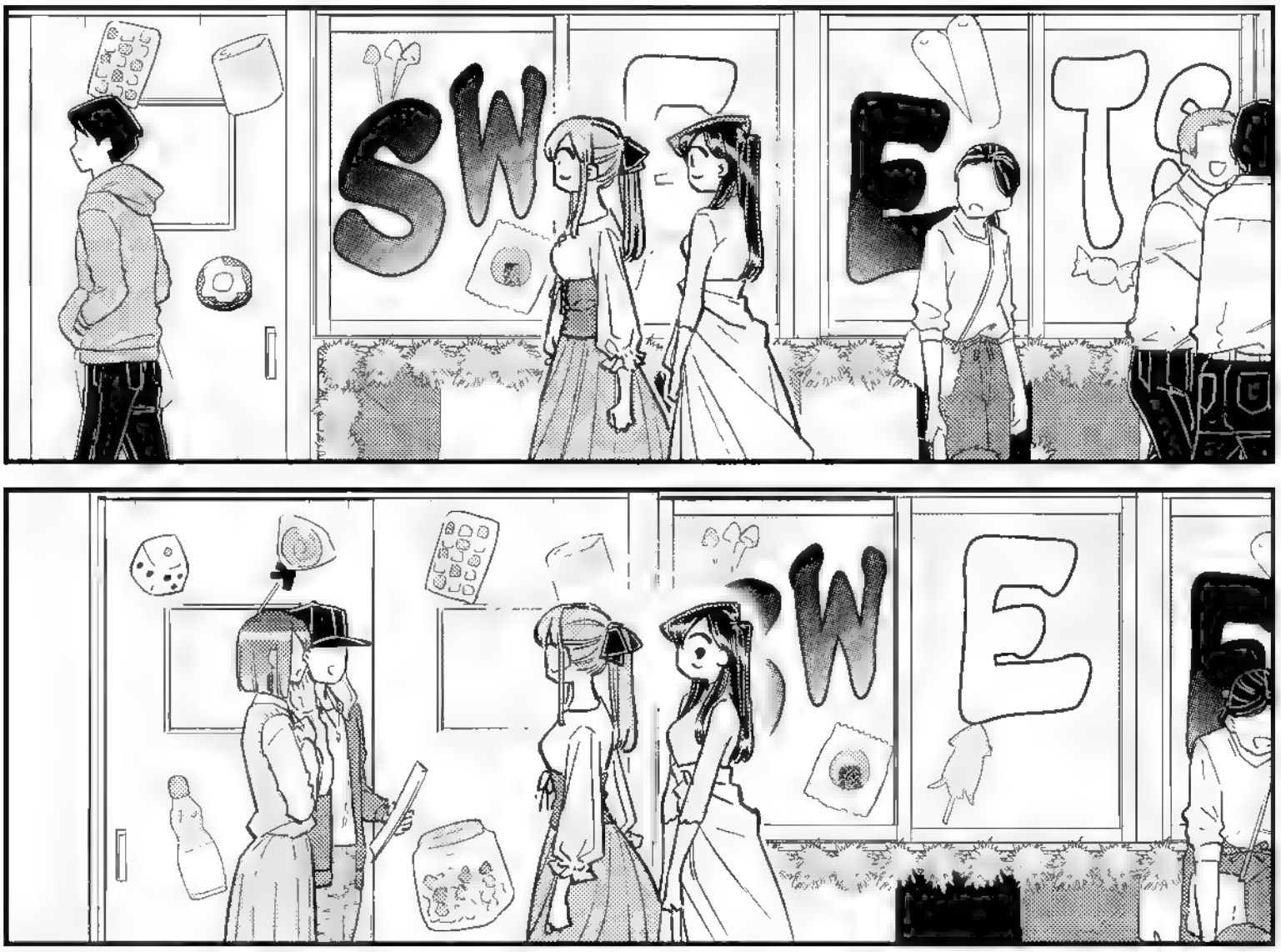
KRAKOOM

Senses flirters who need bonking ...

Kiyoko Isagi

Communication 231 — The End

Communication 232: Secret


SWEET
SWEET

GLANCE
SW
GET
SWEAT
SWEAT
YOU'RE
BLUSH
BLUSH
CUT

...I, UM...

I LIKED HIM TOO.

?

BLUSH

BLUSH

I...

...LIKE YOU.

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

?

IT WAS JUST A PLAY!

?!!

IT'S JIGGLY!

UM, WHAT DID YOU AND MANBAGI TALK ABOUT?

RABI

CHI

?

STAARE

!

!!

FWIP

FWIP

FWIP

TH...

...

...THAT'S A SECRET.

!

*All becomes clear.

I...

HUFF HUFF

TRMBL TRMBL

BAM

GASP!

...

THUD

EMO!...

?!

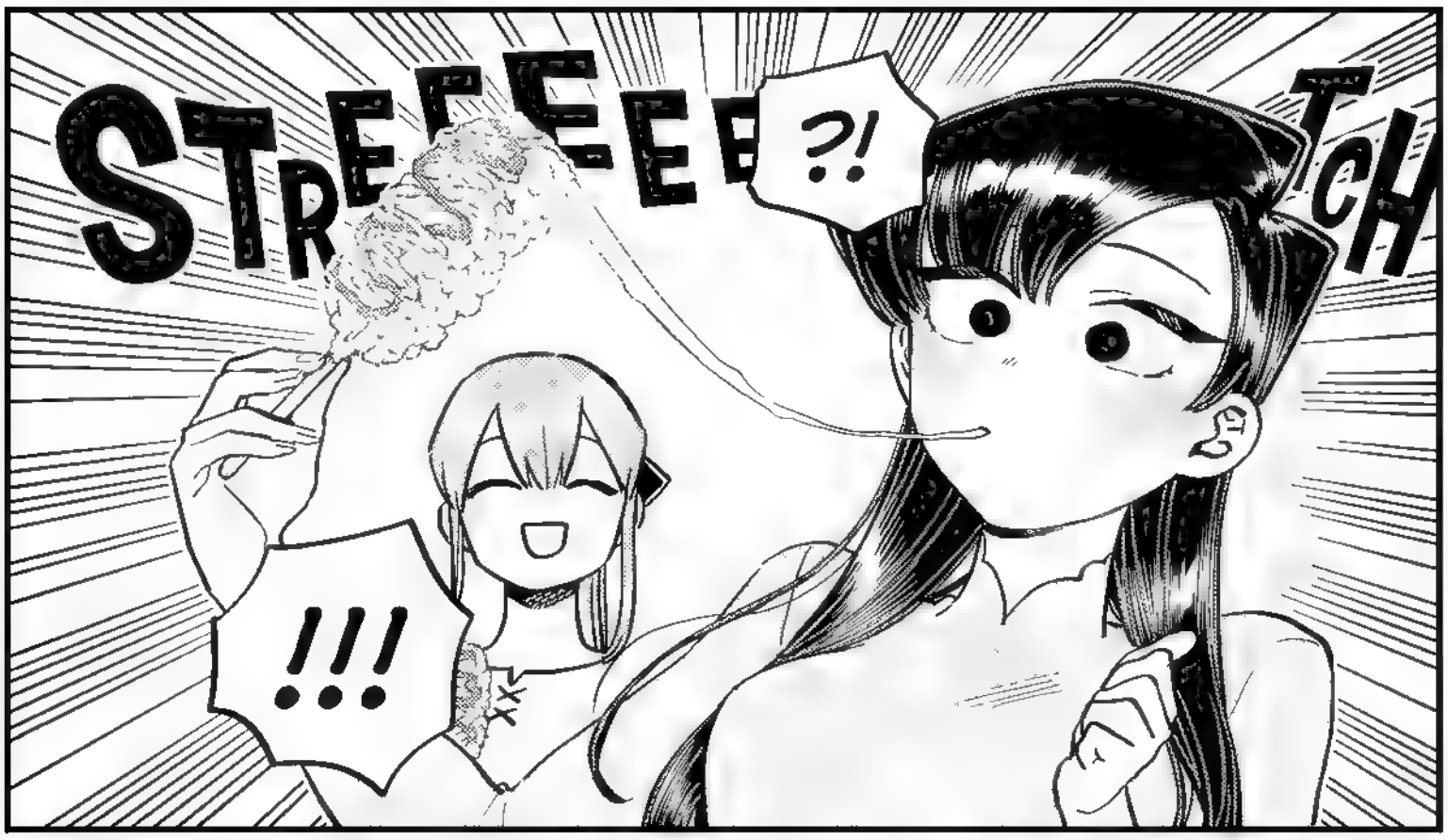
They carried Emoyama to the school nurse.

CHEESE HOTDOG
HOME EC

NURSE
Wanna try one?
!
HEY, THOSE ARE POPULAR NOW!
STR-E-E-E-TCHY
CHEESE HOT DOG
HOME EC
WHEW... I'M HUNGRY!

HOME EC
W l o e
Thanks for your purchase!

CHOMP
TADAAAH


STREEEE

Happy Tadano laughed but also pretty embar-rassed

...

STAAAARE

?!

SNIF SNIF

PAT PAT

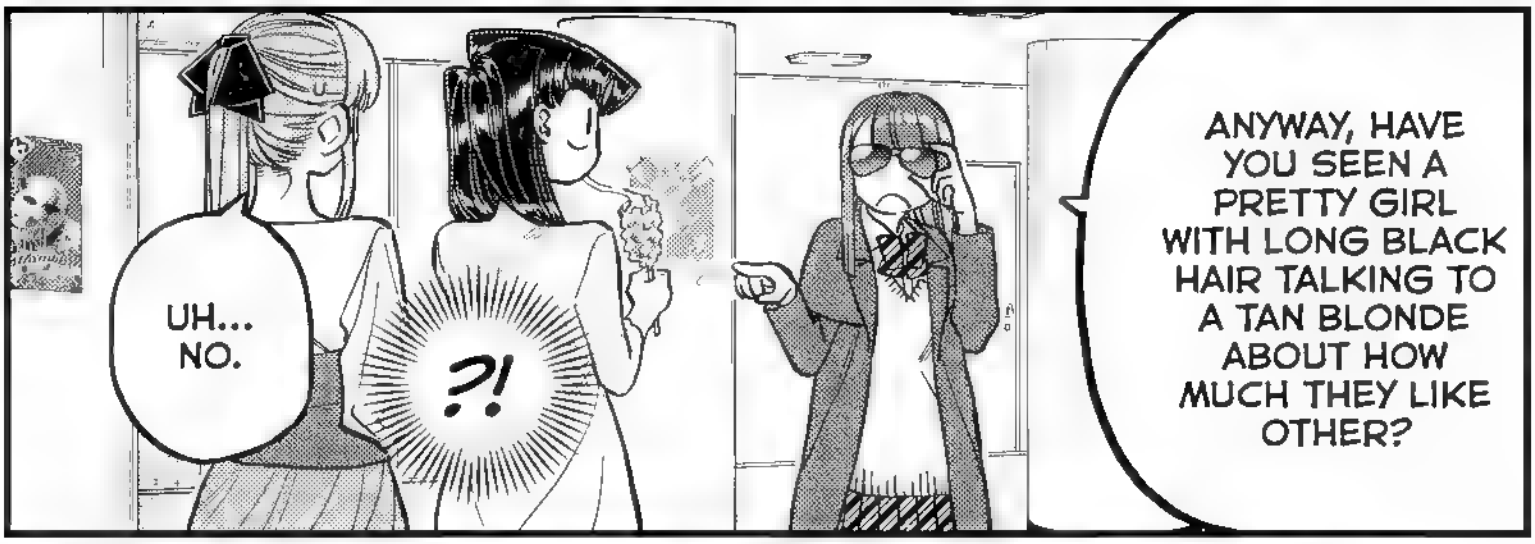
FWIP

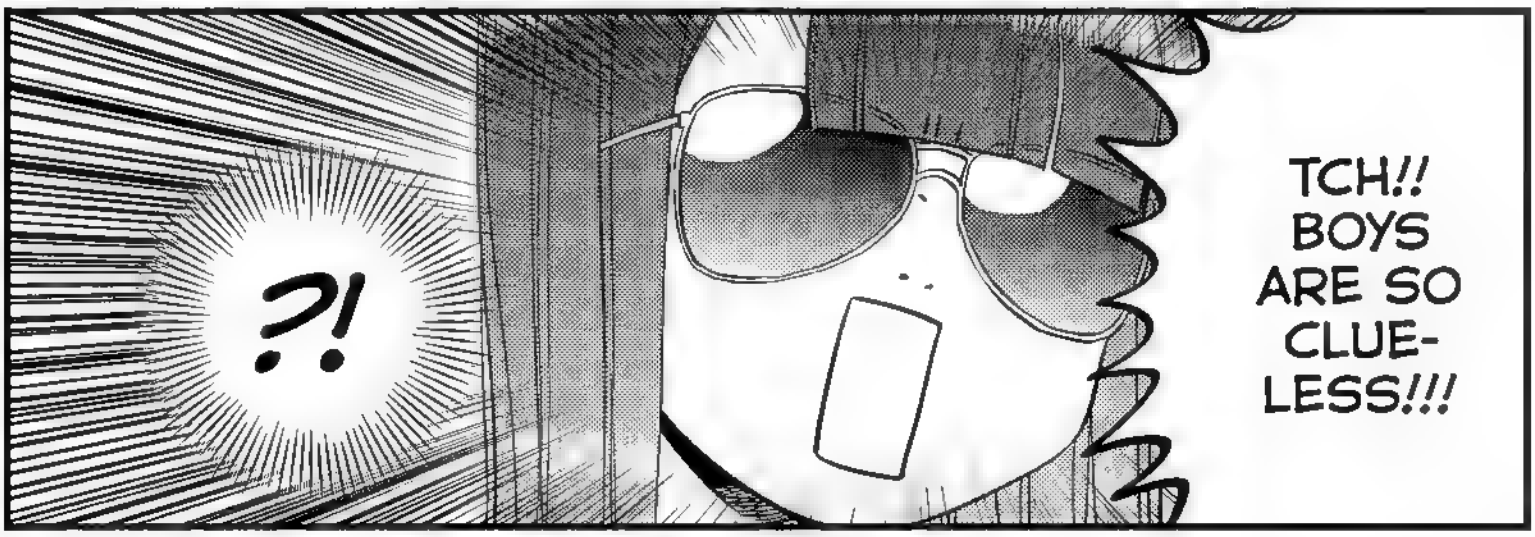
?!

HUH? HEY!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

SNOPPRT
?!
HMPH! YOU'RE A BOY.


UH... NO.
?!
ANYWAY, HAVE YOU SEEN A PRETTY GIRL WITH LONG BLACK HAIR TALKING TO A TAN BLONDE ABOUT HOW MUCH THEY LIKE OTHER?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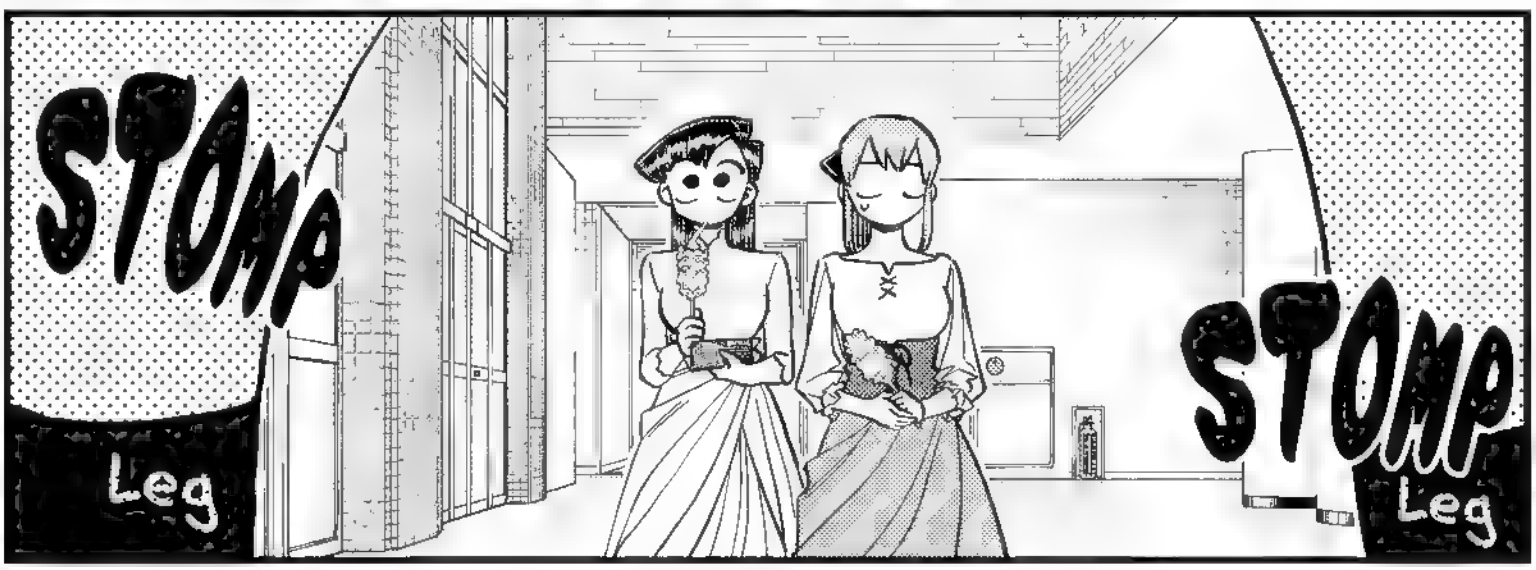
TCH!! BOYS ARE SO CLUE-LESS!!!


STOMP
Leg
ANA
STOMP
Leg

!!

TRMBL TRMBL

Well, don't force yourself...

SHALL WE TRY THE HAUNTED MANSION AGAIN?

OBAKE YASHIKI HAUNTED MANSION

WE SHOULD TRY AN ATTRACTION!

THING

Decided to go

STAY

...SO HIDE BEHIND THINGS!

THE GAME ENDS IF THE SERIAL KILLER'S RED LIGHT HITS YOU...

WHOA... IT'S PRETTY CREEPY...

DRIP

DRIP

Inside the haunted mansion

THAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR TOO.

?!?!

?!?!?!

(a silent scream)

Konnyaku noodles

SPLAP

!
HUFF
PANT
HUFF
PANT
HUFF
PANT
PANT
HUFF
Is he gone?

!

BAAAAAAAM

NOBODY MOVE!!

THIS IS THE FBI!

?!

!!

EXIT

Komi and Tadano hiding

LIKE MAYBE ...

STOMP

STOMP

STOMP

STOMP

FBI

... IN DARK PLACES.

COUPLES LIKE TO GET STEAMY ...

EEE EEK!

...BEHIND THIS CURTAIN!

BUNNY

?!

*Maybe you've heard of it?

OR THE CIA!

THIS IS THE CUT-'EM-SOME-SLACK INTEL-LIGENCE AGENCY !!

SOCIAL-IZING IS FINE, BUT NOT PDA.

AND NOTHING THAT ENCOURAGES *GAWKERS!*

SO CHANGE OUT OF THAT OUTFIT.

WE'RE DEDICATED TO UNRE-STRICTED SOCIALIZING BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS!

YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR, CURRENT STUDENT COUNCIL PRESI-DENT!

W-WE SHOULD GO.

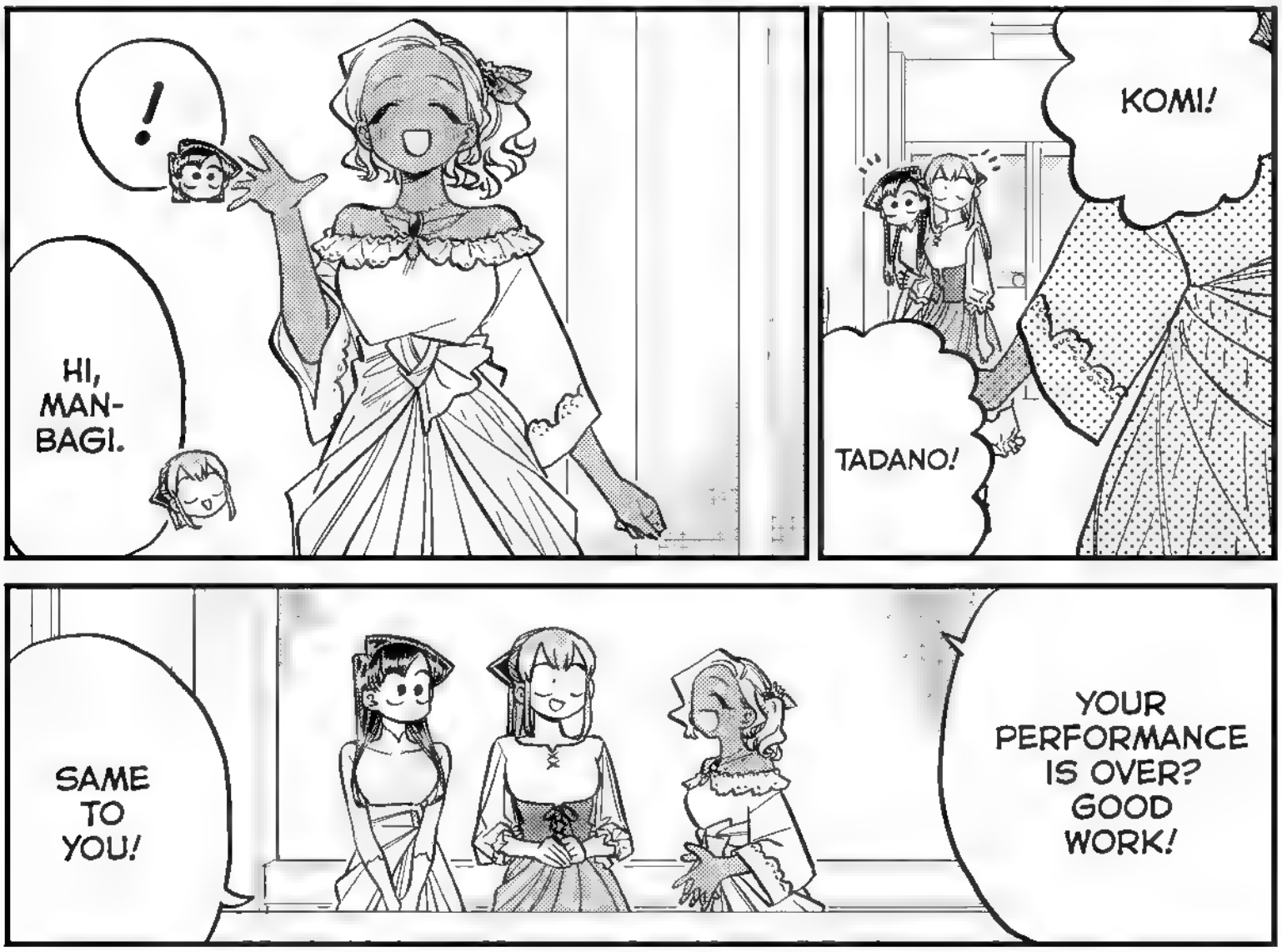
!

GRAAAH

I CAN SEE YOU WON'T GIVE IN...

...SO WE'LL DECIDE BY *ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS, HAMMER, HELMET!!*

I·TAN
FESTIVAL
POP CORN
I WONDER WHAT IT'LL BE LIKE!
!
IS THAT NAKANAKA GETTING READY TO PLAY?


!
HI, MAN-BAGI.
KOMI!
TADANO!
SAME TO YOU!
YOUR PERFORMANCE IS OVER? GOOD WORK!

CHATTER

!

GOOD IDEA!

OUR FRIEND'S ON STAGE. LET'S GO SEE!

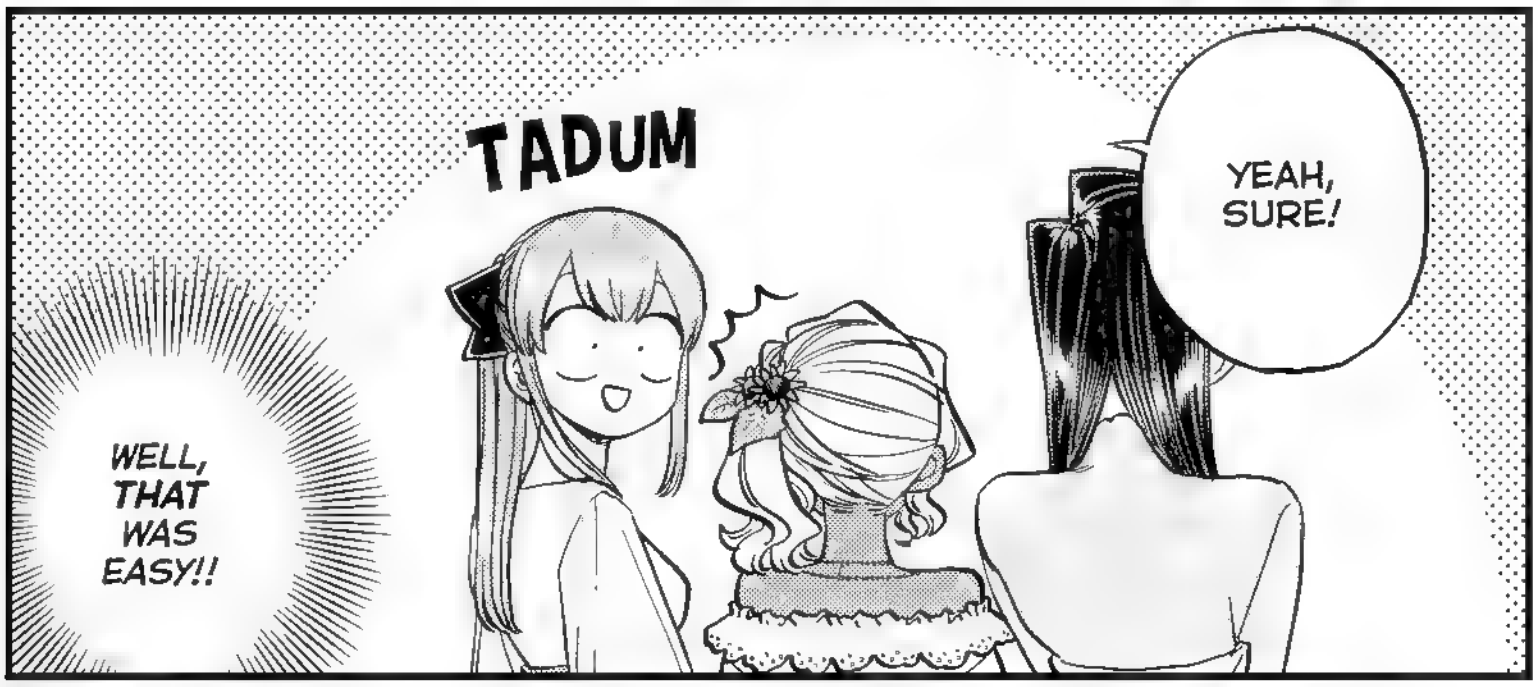
CHATTER

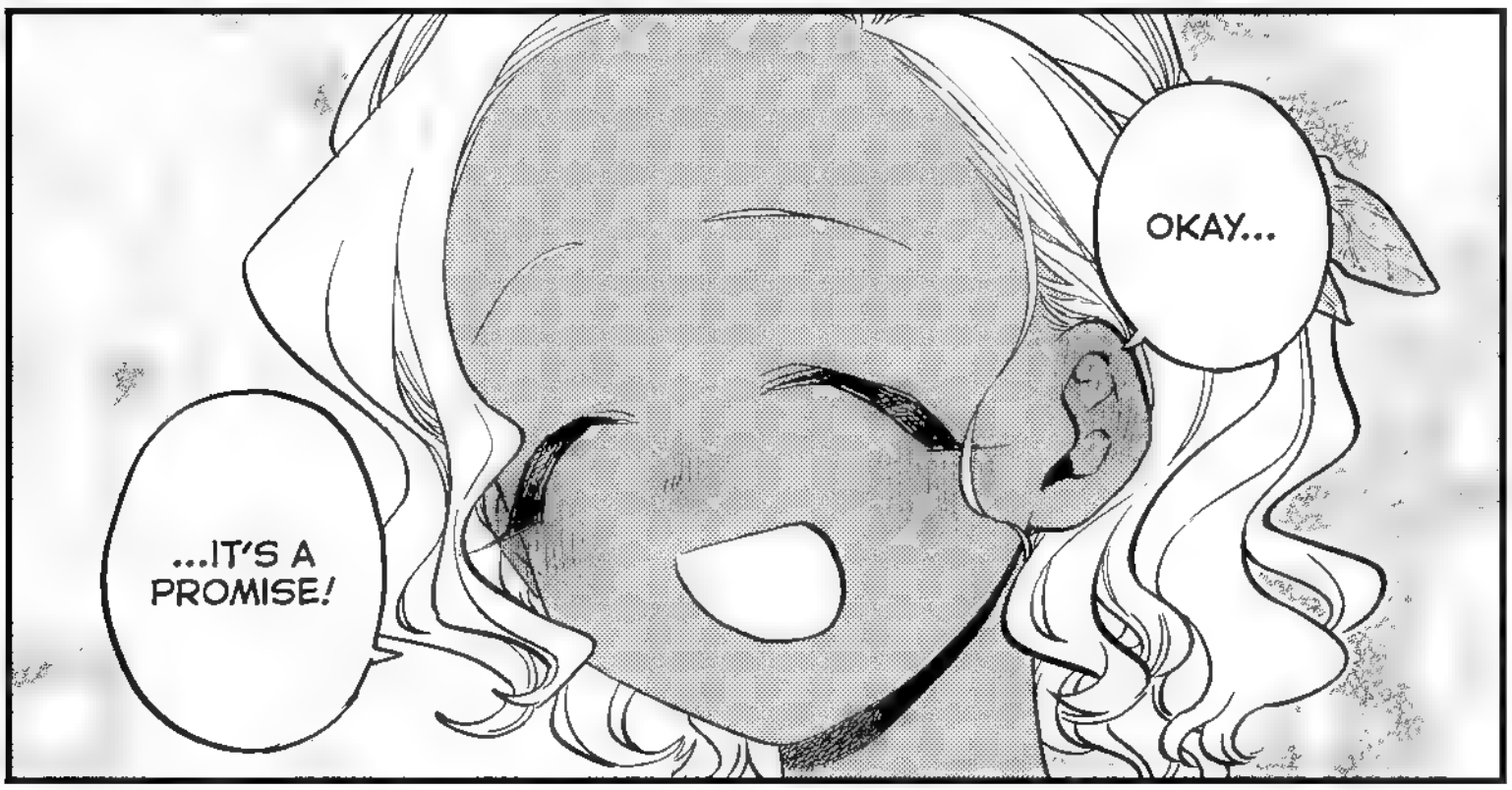
TADANO ?

YES?

WE DIDN'T GET TO WALK AROUND TOGETHER TODAY...

...SO HOW ABOUT TRYING AGAIN TOMORROW?


TADUM
WELL, THAT WAS EASY!!
YEAH, SURE!


OKAY...
...IT'S A PROMISE!

...IN MY SMART-PH-O-O-O-NE!

I EVEN GOT VIDEOS OF THEM...

...LIKE THE HEDGE-H-O-O-O-G!

I WANNA BE PRICKLY ...

START A RIOT!! GRAR!!! GRAR!!

AND SO ON BLAH BLA-AAH !!

?!

The Itan High headbangers

BANGBANGBANG

?!

THAT LOOKS FUN! LET'S DO IT!

FESTIVAL

Communication 232 — The End

They keep thinking about the first day of the festival and can't sleep.

Komi Can't Communicate

Komi Can't Communicate

EEE EEK!

But buy these beads and all your worries will be over! You'll win the lottery and live happily ever after! Buy two for $300 and get one free!

...SO HOW TRYING AGAIN TOMORROW?

WE DIDN'T GET TO WALK AROUND TOGETHER TODAY...

Spiri Urana

Komi and Tadano walked around the culture festival together, and Rumiko promised (again) to walk around with Tadano, but her unease mounts as time slips away.

The story so far!

EMO

WOO-HOO!

2-1

PERFORMANCE

THE COLD-BLOODED PRINCESS

WONDERFUL -SUFFER MY WAVE MOTION PARTICLE GUN!-

BLOOM

HERE'S TO DAY TWO!

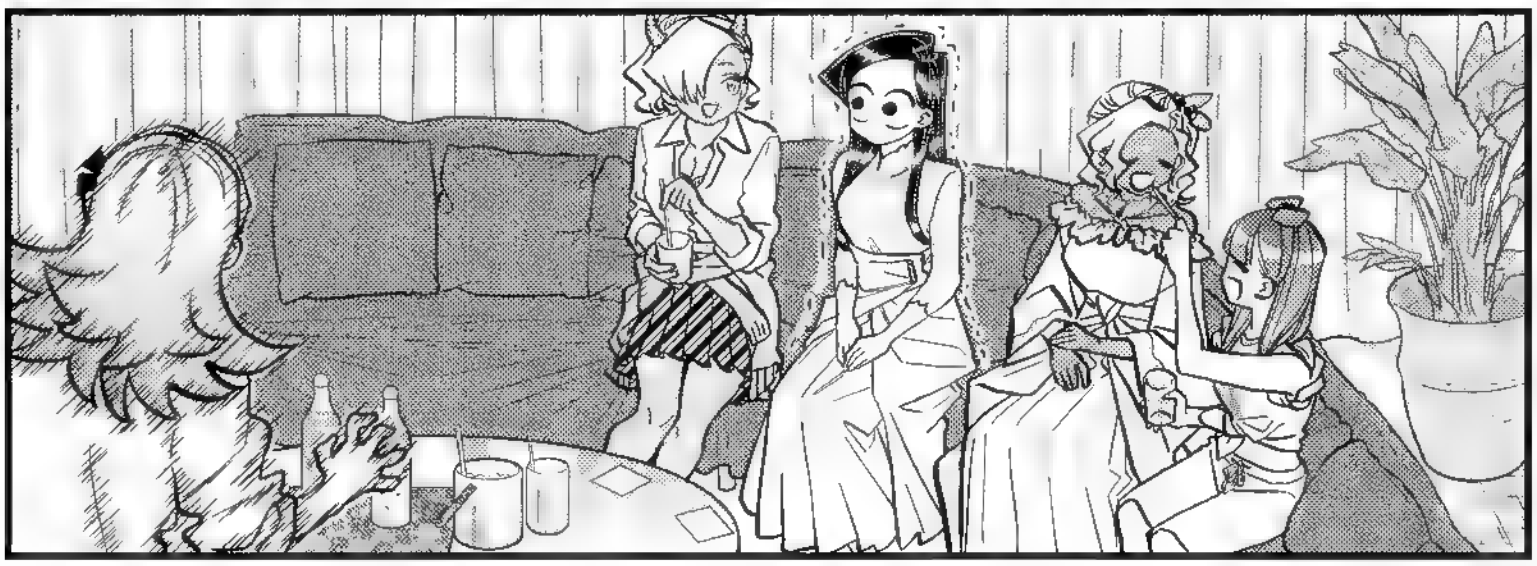
Culture festival: Day 2!!

GLANCE

2-1

Putting off approaching Tadano

SWUF



CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

GOOD WORK, EVERY-ONE!

2 - 1

CLOSED

CLOSED

THAT WAS OUR FINAL SHOW!

Never did approach him

WHEW...

!!

...SO I GIVE UP.

GLOOOM

IT'S TOO LATE TO APPROACH HIM NOW...

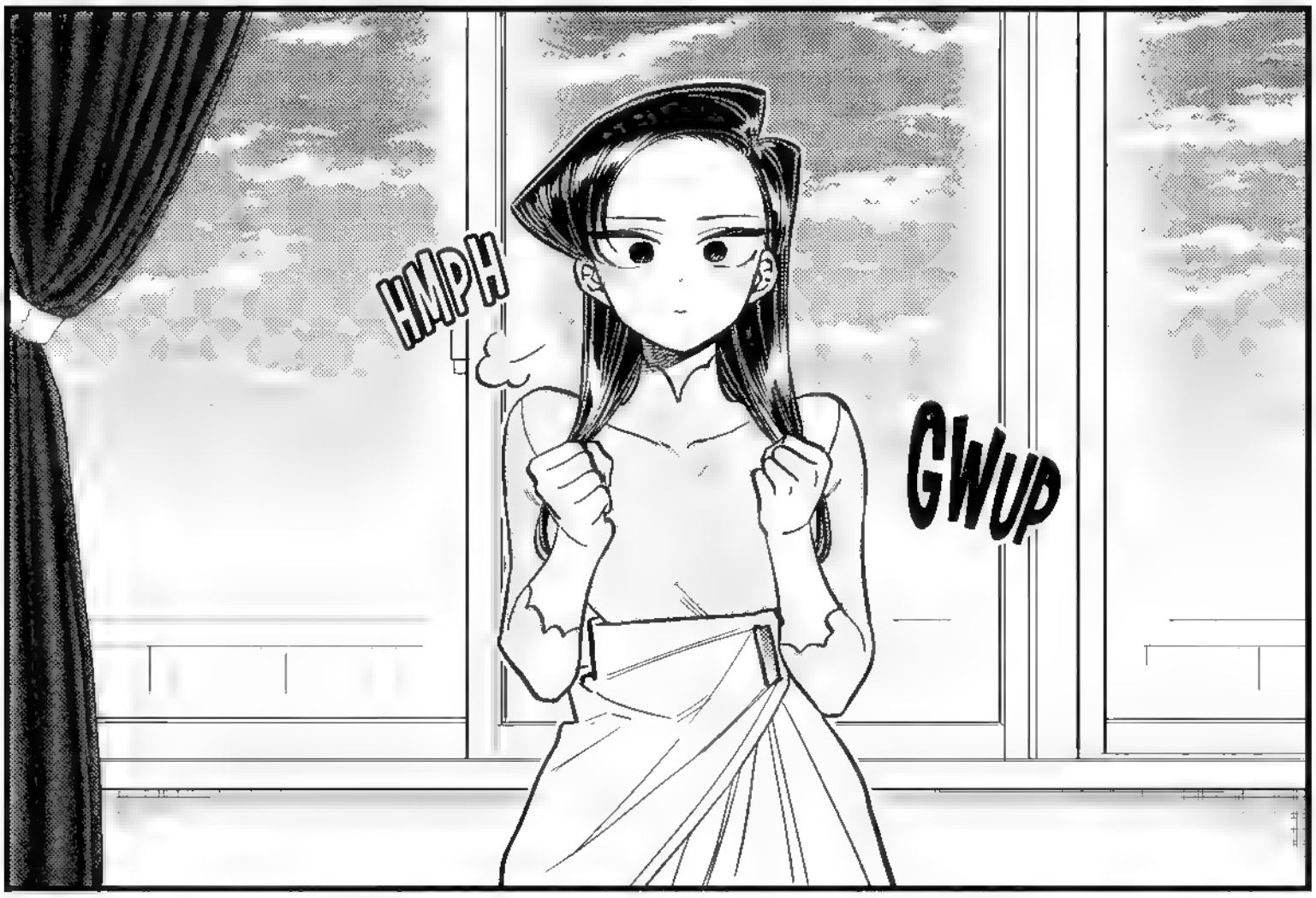
We're sure to be the winning class!!

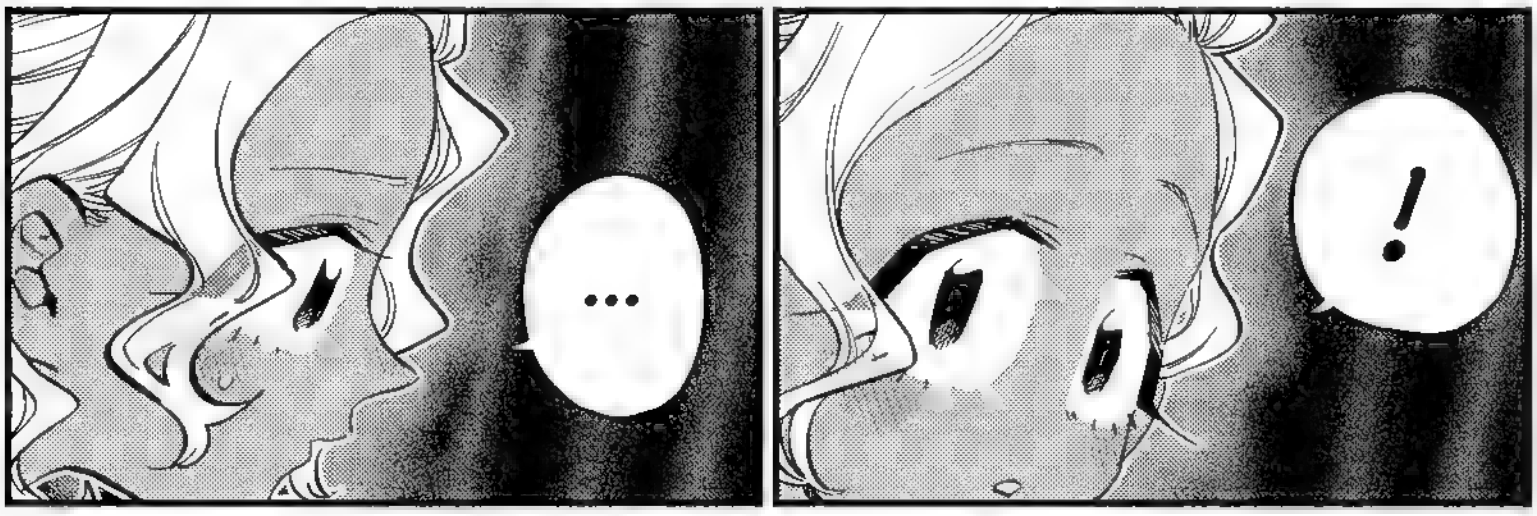
Only 30 minutes left!!

PAT

THERE'S STILL TIME.

SIIIGH


HMPH
GWUP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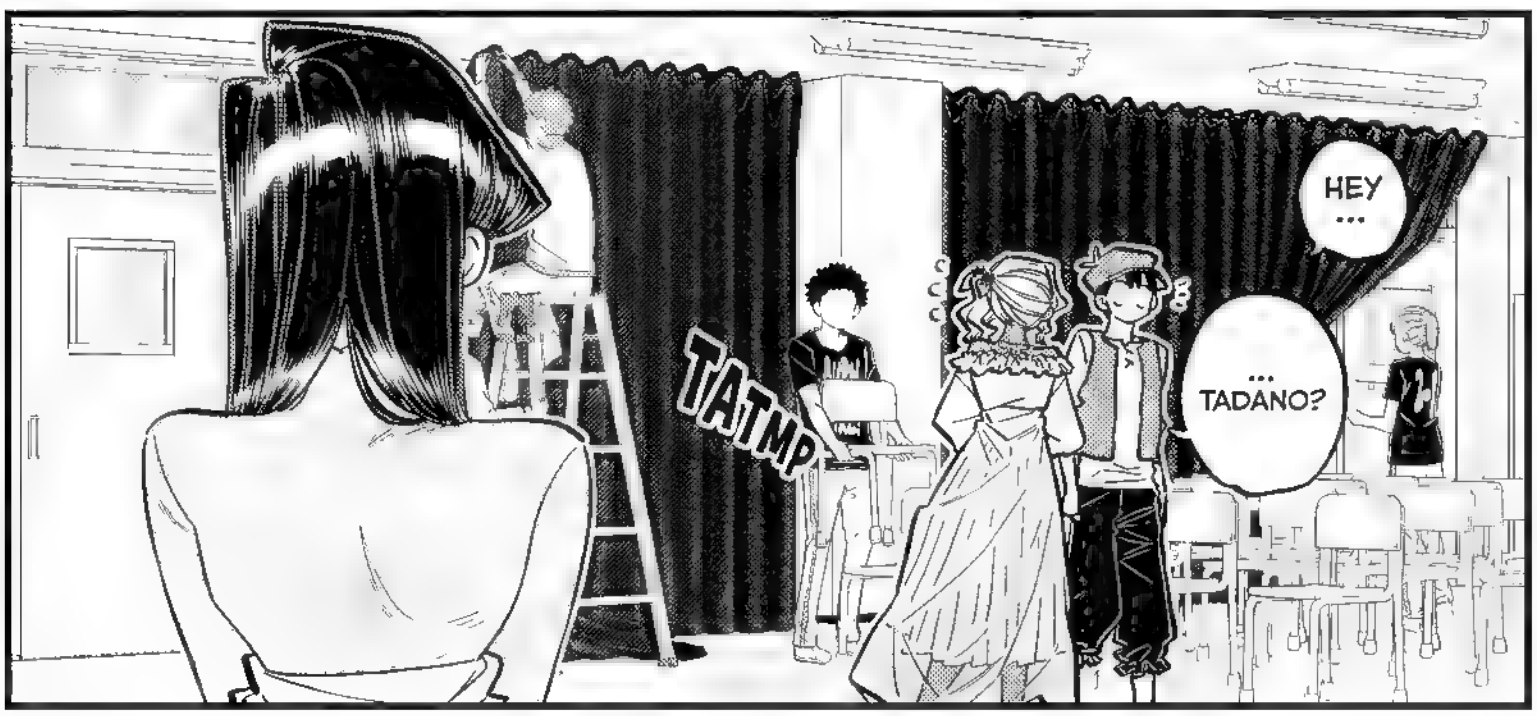

TATMP
HEY
...
...
TADANO?

Komi Can't Communicate

Communication 233: Culture Festival Date

NO PROBLEM. SORRY FOR MY APPEARANCE ...
Boo! Boo!
Dressed like a girl
SORRY. I SHOULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING SOONER.

...
Grar! Grar!
...
UH... Y-YEAH!
THE PERFOR-MANCE WENT WELL TODAY.

YOU'RE GLOOM
I MEAN ABOUT ME TAKING KOMI!
ERM...
BUT, UH... IT'S TOO BAD ABOUT YESTERDAY!
BONK
!!
Aw, the festival's ending!
...

DID KOMI TELL YOU ANYTHING?
NO, SHE SAID IT WAS A SECRET.
OH, RIGHT.
...
...

Y-YEAH, OKAY!

LET'S SEE IF THE FOOD STANDS OUTSIDE ARE STILL OPEN.

ICE

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE STARTING TO CLOSE.

UH-HUH...

BENUNI

BENUJIT SPOPO

NUNU

?!

ONLY NOW! 100 ITAN

400 ITAN

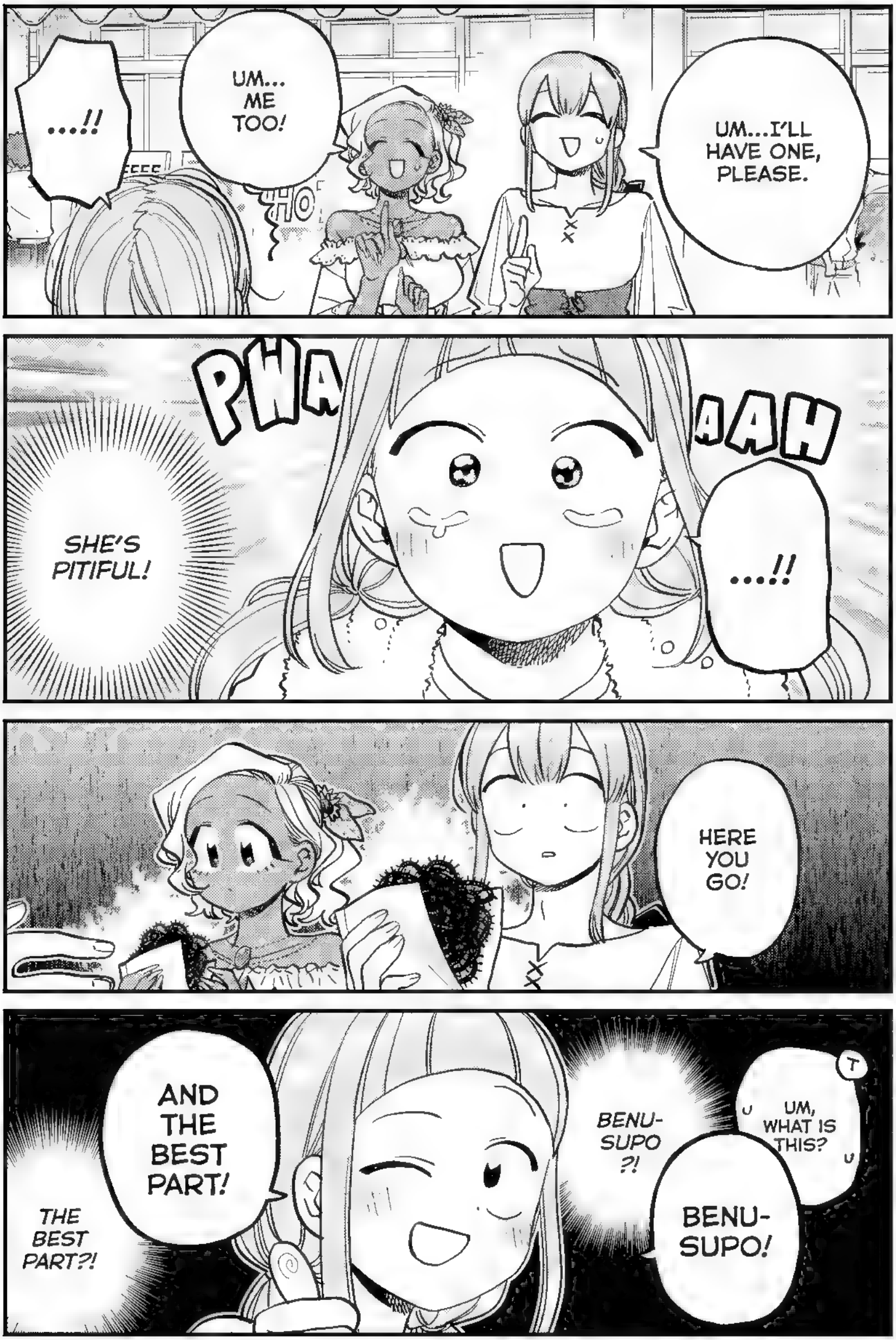
NUNUNU

?!

As quiet as a mosquito.

NUNU

I HAVEN'T SOLD EVEN ONE...


...!!
UM... ME TOO!
UM...I'LL HAVE ONE, PLEASE.
SHE'S PITIFUL!
PHA
AAH
...!!
HERE YOU GO!
AND THE BEST PART!
THE BEST PART?!
BENU-SUPO?!
UM, WHAT IS THIS?
BENU-SUPO!

HE ATE IT!

CHOMP

NOM NOM NOM

HURM.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?!

W-WELL, HERE GOES...

S-SERI-OUSLY?!

RUMIKO, IT *IS* EDIBLE... SORTA.

IT'S, UM... NOT... AWFUL?

YAY YAY

CHOMP

NOM

NOM

NOM

IT'S SURPRIS-INGLY...

...HURM.

SHOULD I HAVE STOPPED HER?

...bye!

Good...

HURM.

Hate to waste it

CHOMF

Bwa ha!

...KIND OF LIKE SEASONED ...

... DIRT?

WHAT *IS* THIS?

IT'S CRUNCHY AND SOGGY...

AH HA HA HA! YOUR FACIAL EXPRES-SION!!

BUT I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL!

HA HA....

!

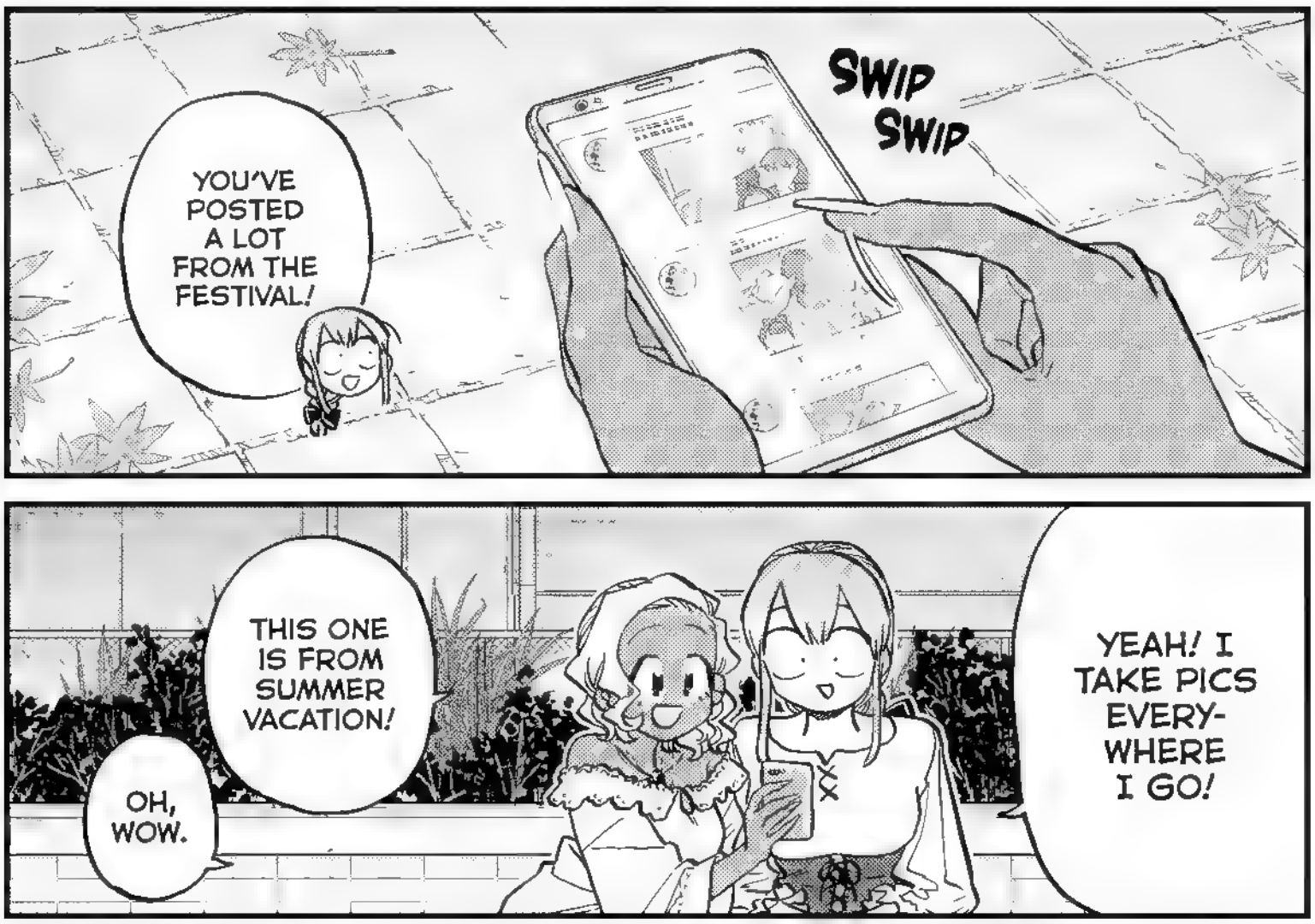
HUH? OKAY...

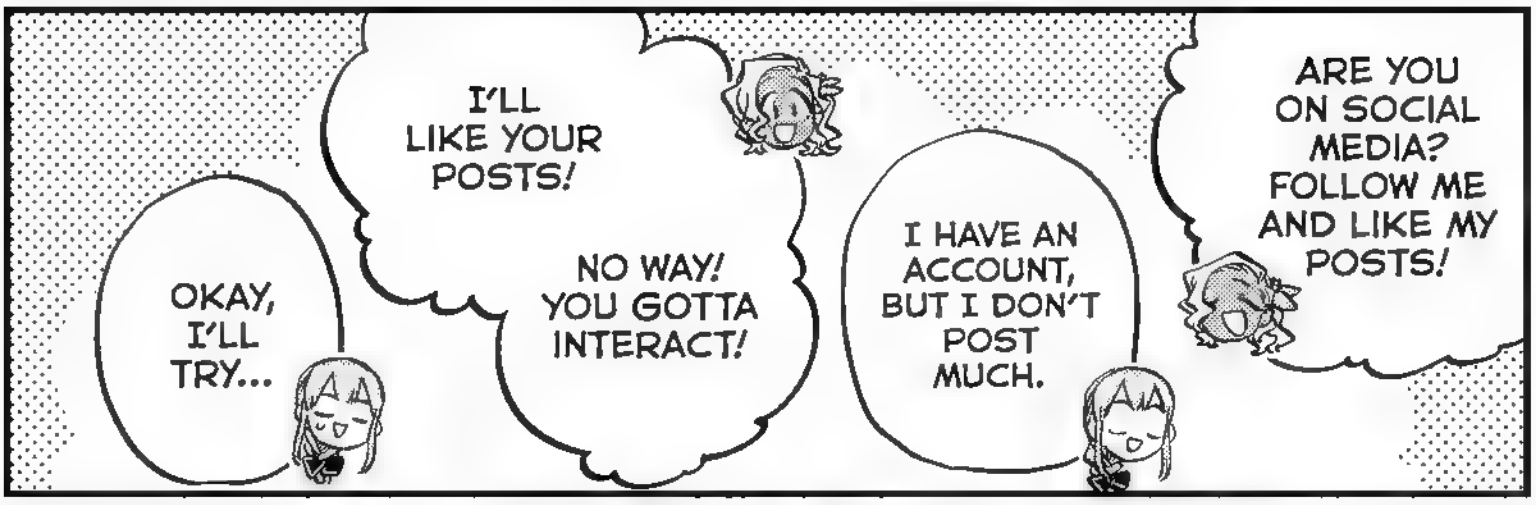
CHOMP

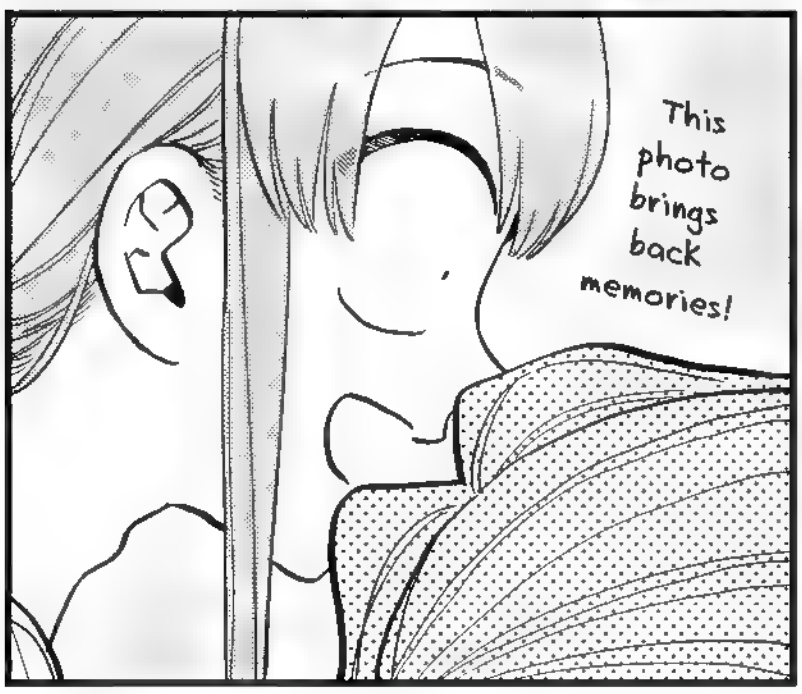
WA HA HA HA!

*Social Media Food Post.

TAKE ANOTHER BITE! FOR A *SO-ME-FO-PO!*


YOU'VE POSTED A LOT FROM THE FESTIVAL!
SWIP SWIP
THIS ONE IS FROM SUMMER VACATION!
OH, WOW.
YEAH! I TAKE PICS EVERY-WHERE I GO!


I'LL LIKE YOUR POSTS!
NO WAY! YOU GOTTA INTERACT!
OKAY, I'LL TRY...
I HAVE AN ACCOUNT, BUT I DON'T POST MUCH.
ARE YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA? FOLLOW ME AND LIKE MY POSTS!


This photo brings back memories!

...!
...
TADANO?
HEY,
UH...
HAVE
YOU
NOTICED
...
...WE'RE
ON A
CULTURE
FESTIVAL
DATE?

NAH, SORRY! LET'S CANCEL THAT!

...BUT IF YOU STILL WANT TO...

WE BOTH HAVE PERFORMANCES SO WE'RE BUSY...

OKAY, SOUNDS GOOD.

...TOGETHER?

...WALK AROUND THE FESTIVAL...

...SORRY!

UM...

SO HOW TRYING AGAIN TOMORROW?

WE DIDN'T GET TO WALK AROUND TOGETHER TODAY...

...UM...

HUH?

JUST KIDDING!

!
JOLT
NOW GATHER IN THE GYMNASIUM FOR THE CLOSING PARTY!
GREAT FESTIVAL, EVERYONE!
UH, R-RIGHT!
BACK TO THE FESTIVAL, TADANO!

TEE HEE HEE!
UH... YEAH, I DO.
DON'T YOU WANNA SEE HER FACE?
HUH ?
KOMI SHOULD EAT THIS TOO!

Communication 233 — The End

HEEEY
!
HEY, KOMI! OVER HERE!

Komi Can't Communicate
Communication 234: Closing Party for Two

DRUMROLL

AND THE PRIZE FOR THE 24TH ITAN FESTIVAL'S MOST OUTSTANDING EVENT GOES TO...

LLLLL

LLLLLLL

...CLASS 2-1, FOR ITS STAGE PERFOR-MANCES!

YAAAAH

HEH

HEH

YAHOO! WE DID IT!!

AAAooo

HOWEVER, WE MUST REVOKE THAT PRIZE DUE TO A CERTAIN STUDENT ENGAGING IN PRICE GOUGING AND TICKET SCALPING.

TAKE NAJIMI INTO CUSTODY.

?!

HUH?

BUT IT WAS FUN, RIGHT?

No, wait! I got a closing party to attend!!

He MADE me do it!!

?!

Tadano was the director!

?!

YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH US.

I DIDN'T DIRECT *ANY-THING!*

AGH!

N-NO, WAIT!

BUT WE HAD ONE LAST YEAR!

WHAT? NO DANCE PARTY?

NOW PLEASE ENJOY THE REFRESH-MENTS!

FLINCH

HOLD ON A SECOND !!

BAM

?!

AS LONG AS THE CIA EXISTS, WE SAY IT'S OKAY!!

TWEET

?!

HONK TOOT TOOT

SWOOSH

START THE MUSIC!

START DANCIN' AND GET WILD!!

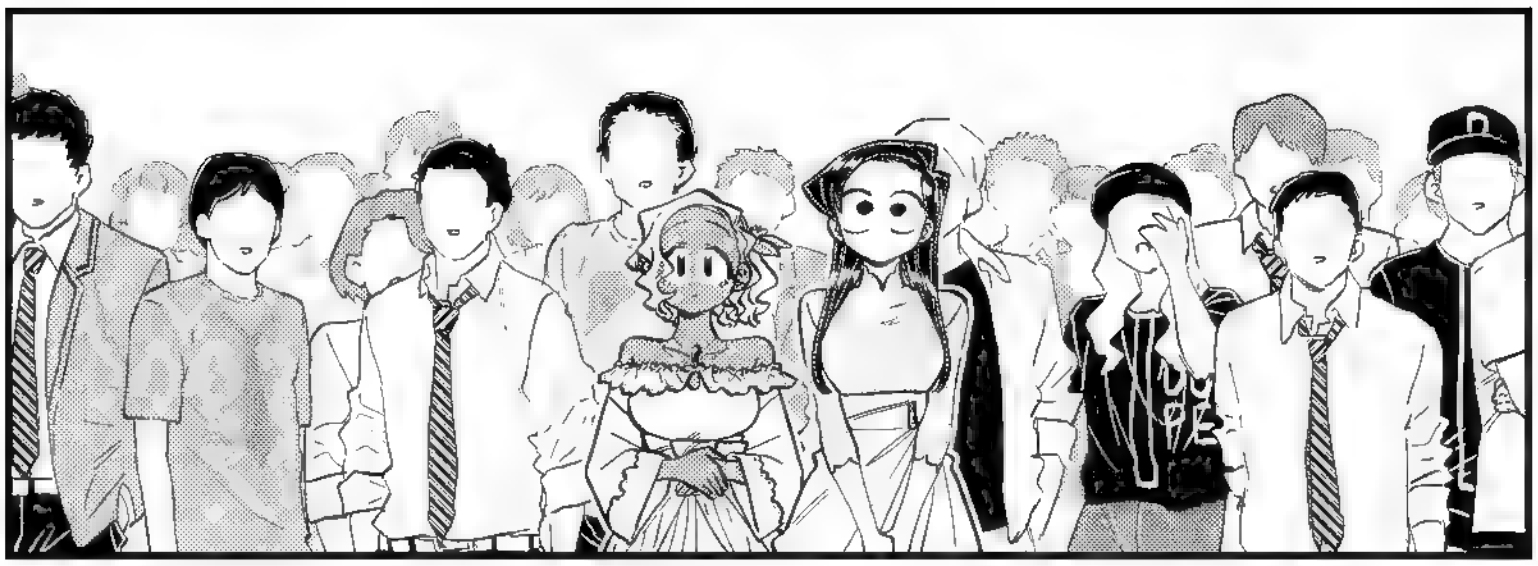
BWOOSH

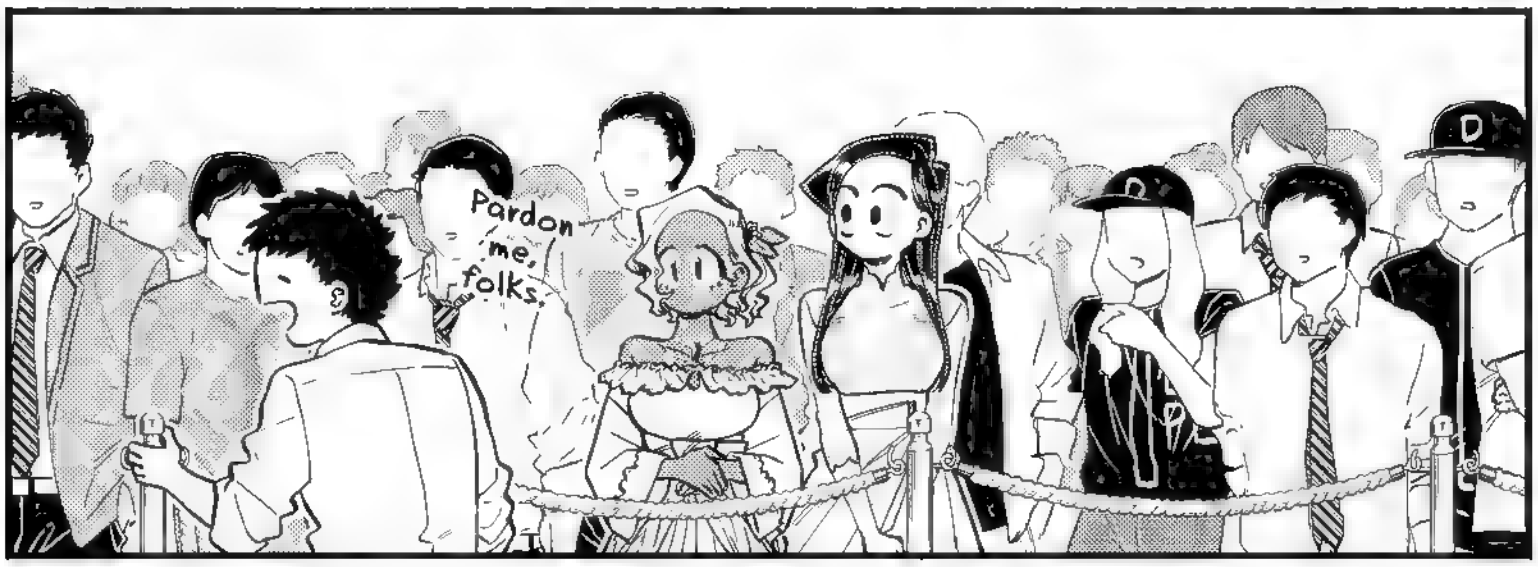
?!

AND AWAY I GO!

FOLLOW THAT BUNNY!

AND TAKE HER DOWN!

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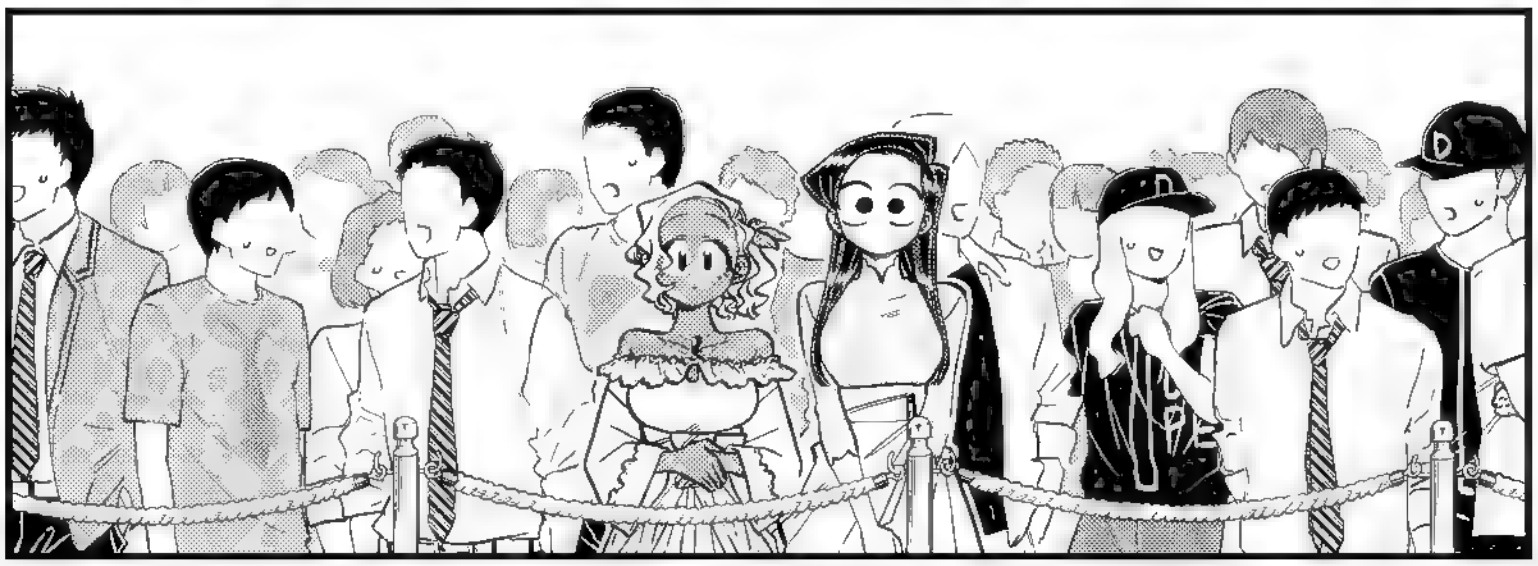
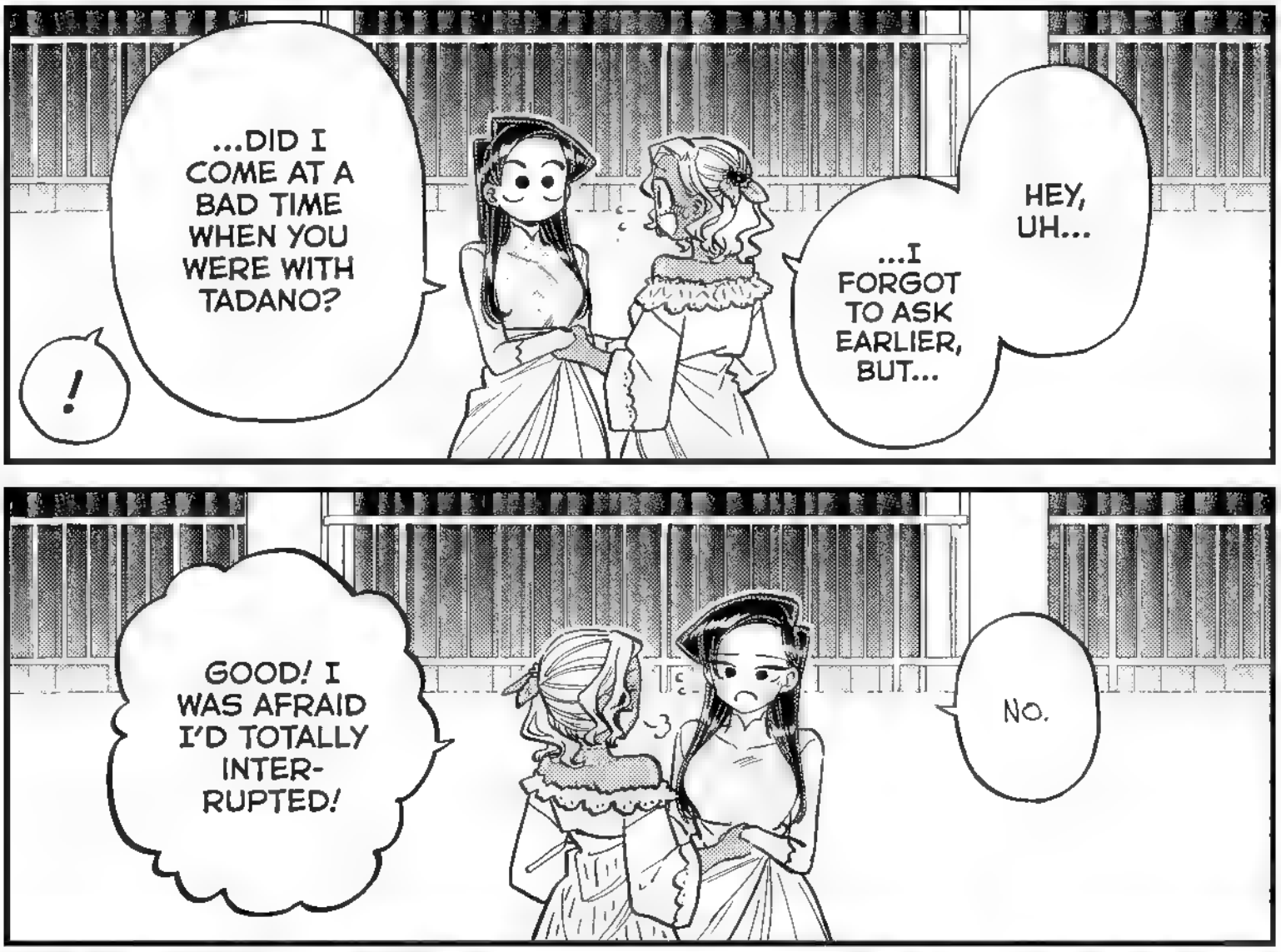


SWUP

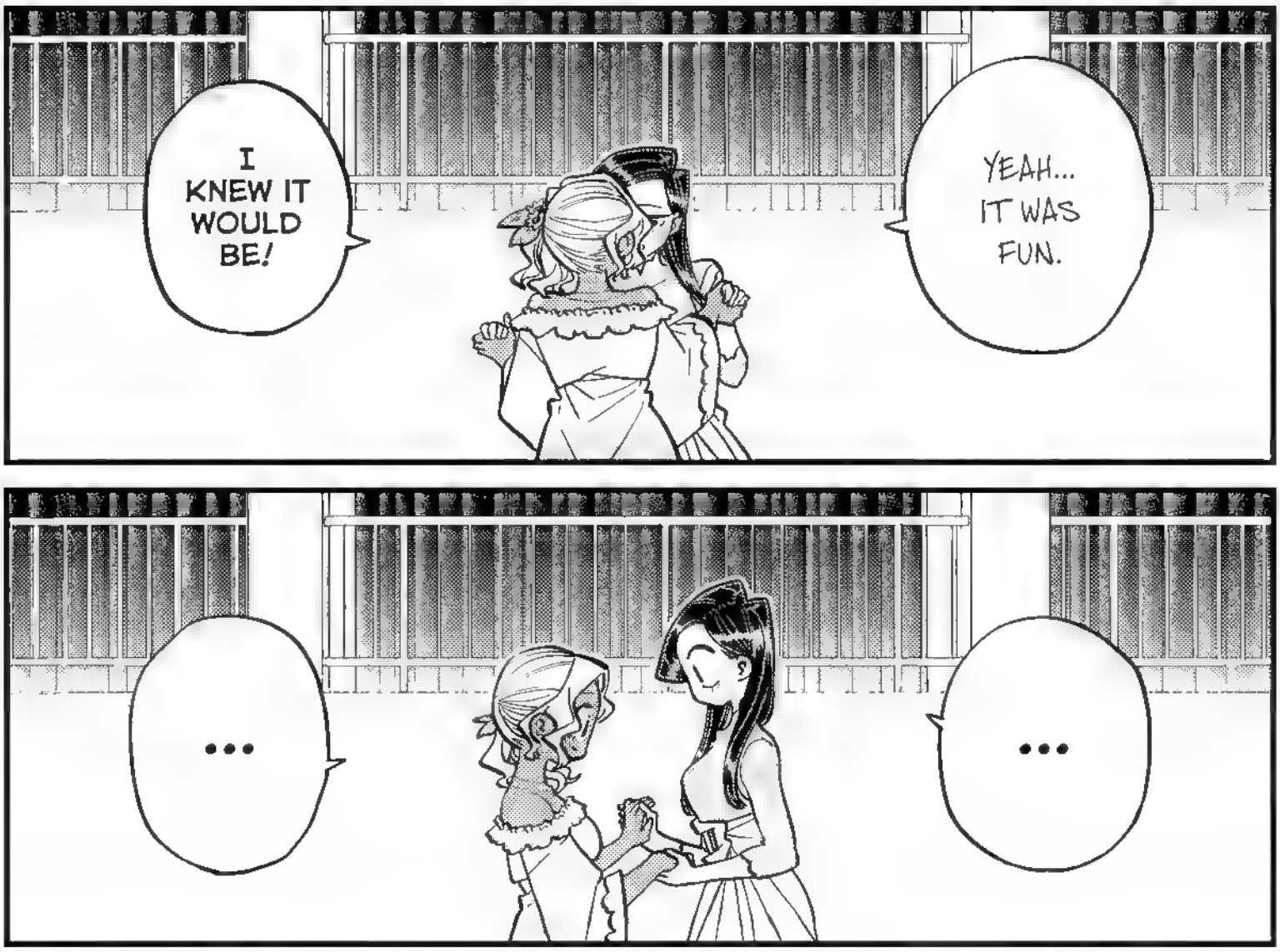
LET'S DANCE!

!

LOOK! THE PRINCESSES ARE DANCING!


...DID I COME AT A BAD TIME WHEN YOU WERE WITH TADANO?
!
HEY, UH...
...I FORGOT TO ASK EARLIER, BUT...
GOOD! I WAS AFRAID I'D TOTALLY INTER-RUPTED!
NO.
...
...GO ...
...FOR YOU TODAY?
HOW...
...DID IT...

!
...
NOD
YOU MEAN WITH TADANO?
HOW ABOUT YOU?
!
WELL ...
...IT WAS FUN!


I KNEW IT WOULD BE!
YEAH... IT WAS FUN.
...
...

OOPS.

UM.

...

SORRY.

FIDGET FIDGET

UH... YOU GO FIRST, KOMI!

I THINK IT WAS REALLY SELFISH.

...WHY DOES ONE HAVE TO GIVE UP?

IF TWO PEOPLE LIKE THE SAME PERSON

SO IF

ACTUALLY ...

I WON'T BUDGE ON THIS!

GRIP

I DON'T WANT YOU TO LOSE YOUR SMILE!

I... ABOUT WHAT I SAID YESTER-DAY...

BUT IT WOULD BE WORSE IF YOU'RE SAD!

...I'M S-SORRY.

...AND ...

S-SO I UNDERSTAND IF YOU'RE ANGRY...

BADOOOM

!!

ISN'T IT A BIT *LATE* FOR THAT?!

!!

BUT YOU REALLY ARE STUB-BORN!

?!

AH HA HA! JUST KIDDING!

...BECAUSE...

...ARE WE EVEN REALLY FRIENDS?!

I MEAN..

WHILE HOPING YOU'LL WRITE SOMETHING DOWN!

GRIP

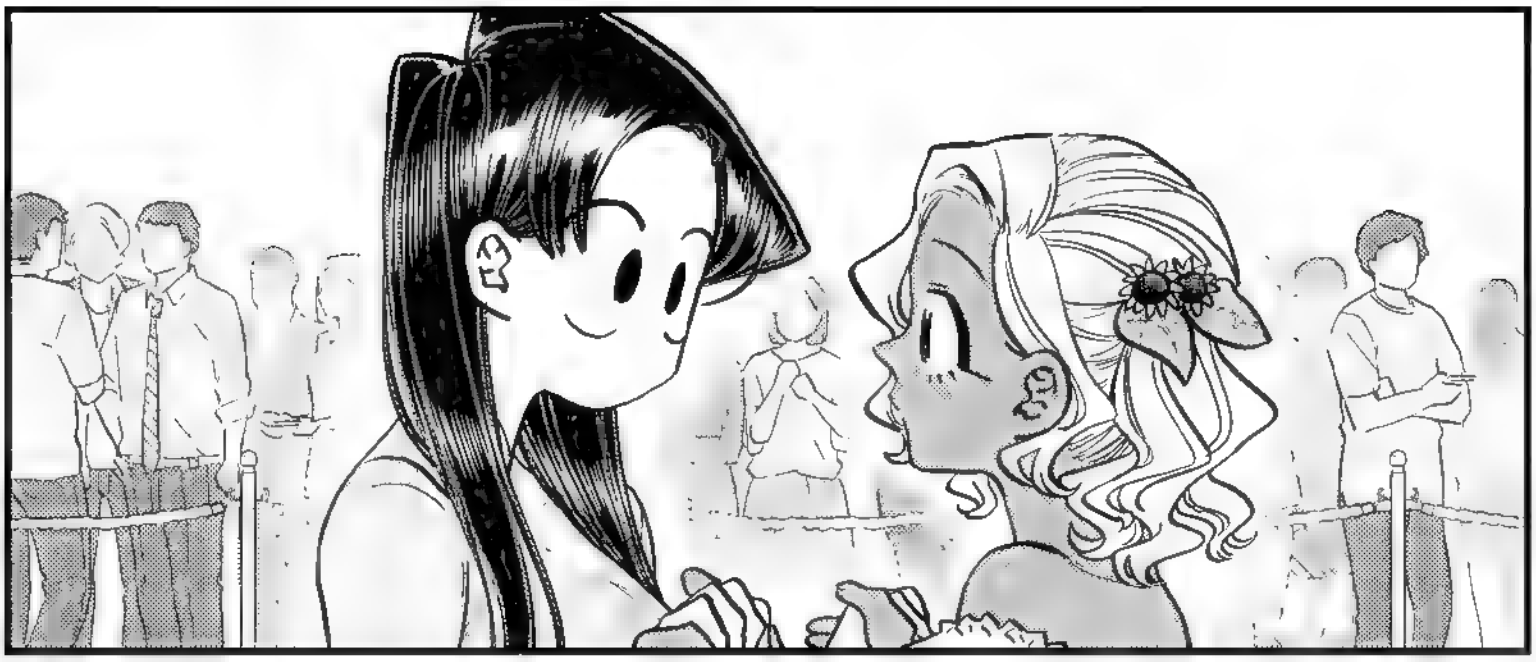
I REGRET WHAT I SAID TOO. I COULDN'T SLEEP LAST NIGHT...

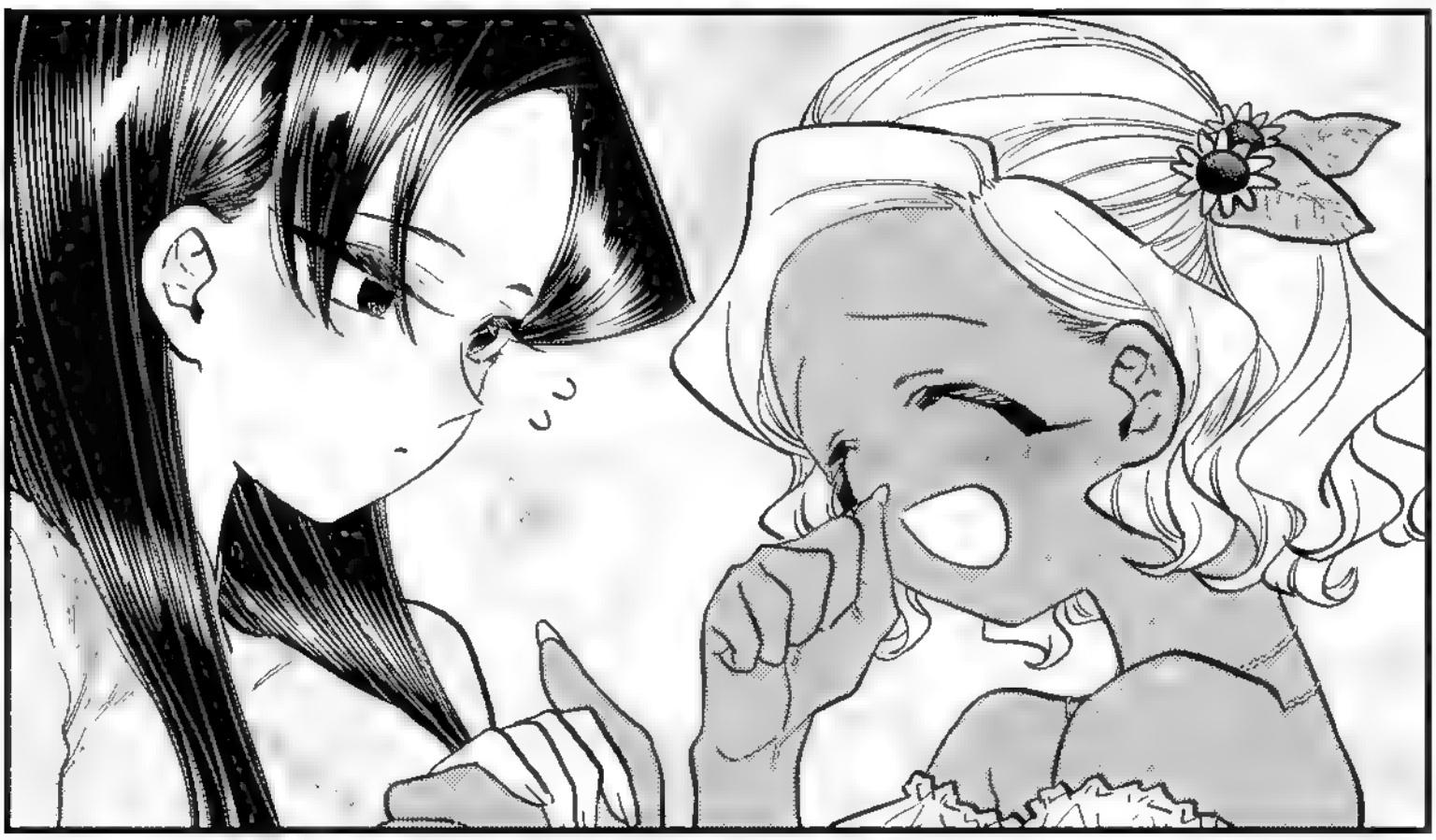
Couldn't sleep either

!

GLOOM

...I WAS AFRAID YOU'D HATE ME NOW.





EVERY-
THING
WE EACH
SAID...
...WAS
COR-
RECT.

I...

...I MEANT IT.

WHEN I SAID YOU SHOULDN'T GIVE UP...

...AND ASHAMED.

...I FELT UNEASY ...

...WHEN I SAW YOU TWO TOGETHER ...

BUT EVEN THOUGH I SAID THAT...

WHY CAN'T I SIMPLY CHEER FOR YOU?

...WHAT I SAID MAY HAVE BEEN WRONG.

SO...

YEAH
...

...SAME HERE!

!

I SAID I'D GIVE UP...

...BUT WHEN I SAW YOU WITH TADANO...

...

...IT MADE ME INCREDIBLY UNEASY.

?!

?!

ACK

SKWEEZ
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I DISLIKE YOU!
SMILE
I GUESS I'M ROOTING FOR YOU...
...AND I'M JEALOUS IN EQUAL MEASURE!

NOD
...
...!
!
!!
EUREKA
AND I'VE REALIZED SOME-THING!!

...THAT TADANO AND ME GET TOGETH-ER...

?!

It's impossible! You're too cute!

...OR ON THE ONE IN 10,000... NO, ONE IN *100 MILLION* CHANCE...

IF YOU AND TADANO BECOME A COUPLE...

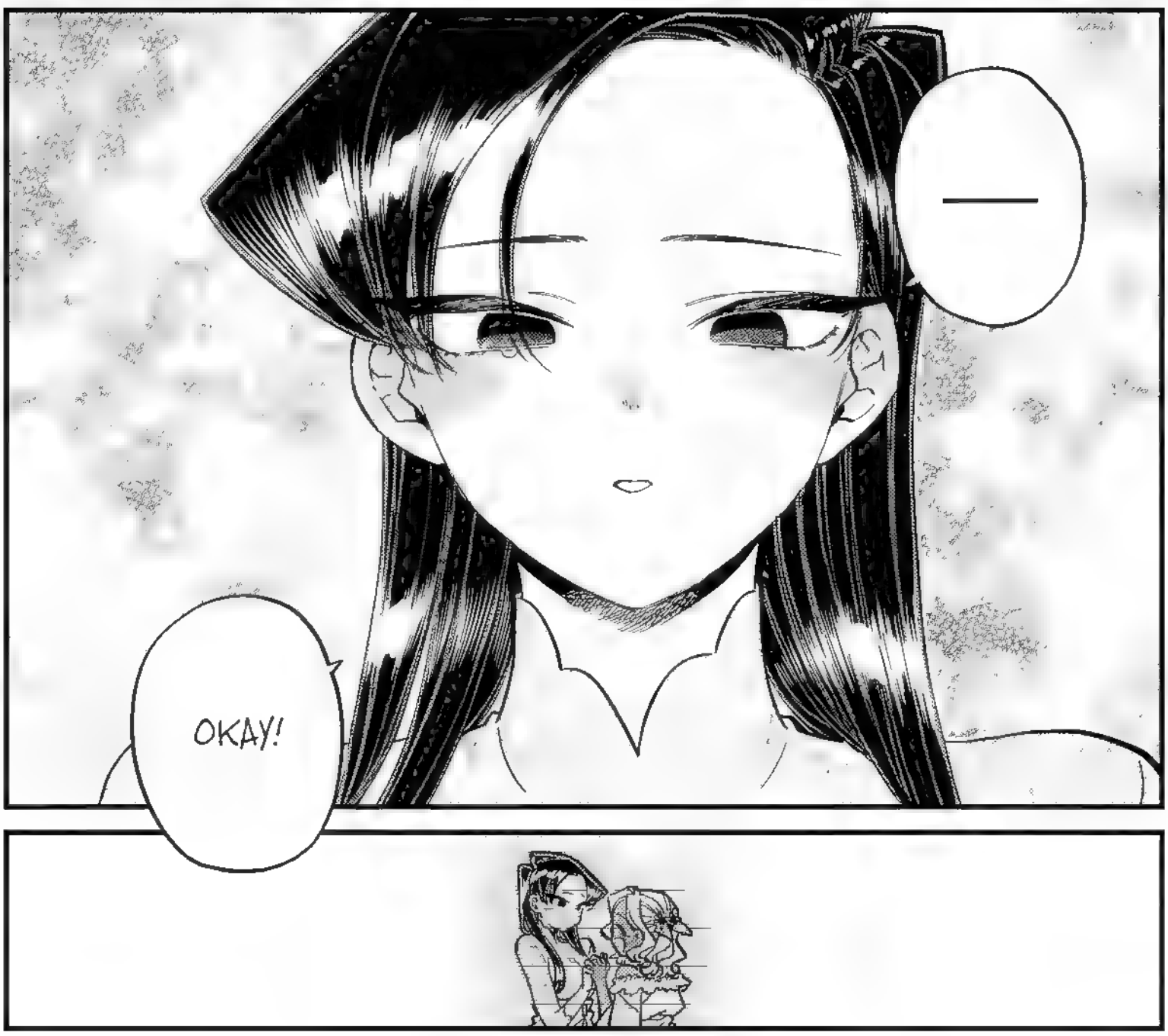
...AND EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK TO OR SEE ME...

...NO MATTER HOW AWKWARD YOU FEEL...

...

SHŌKO.

...WE STILL HAVE TO BE FRIENDS ...



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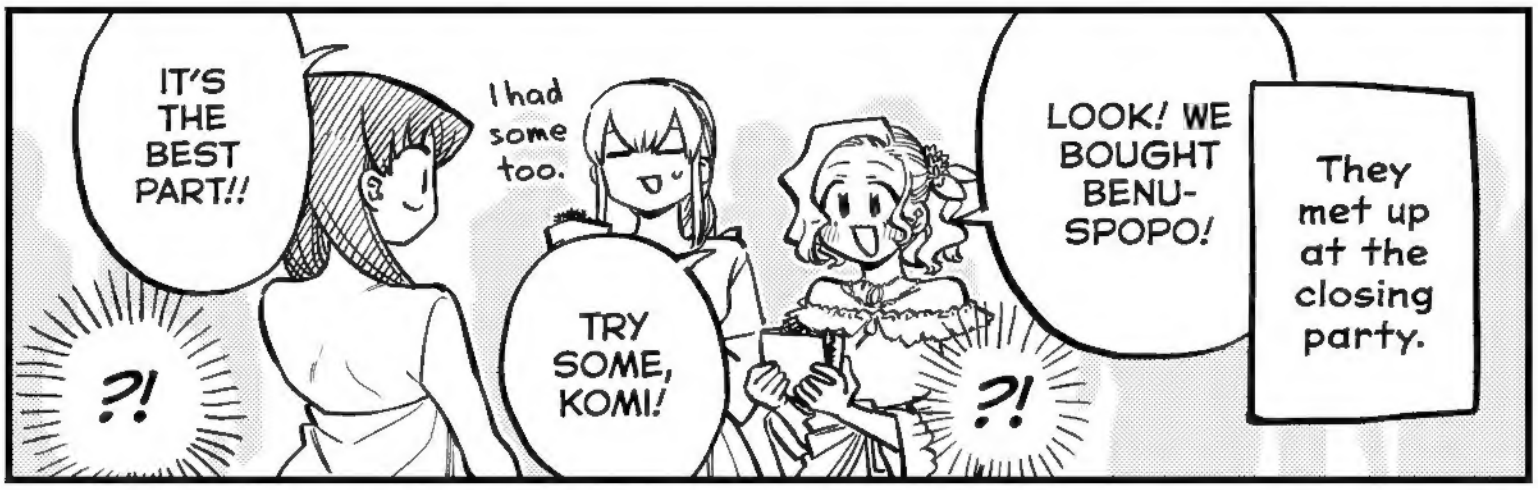

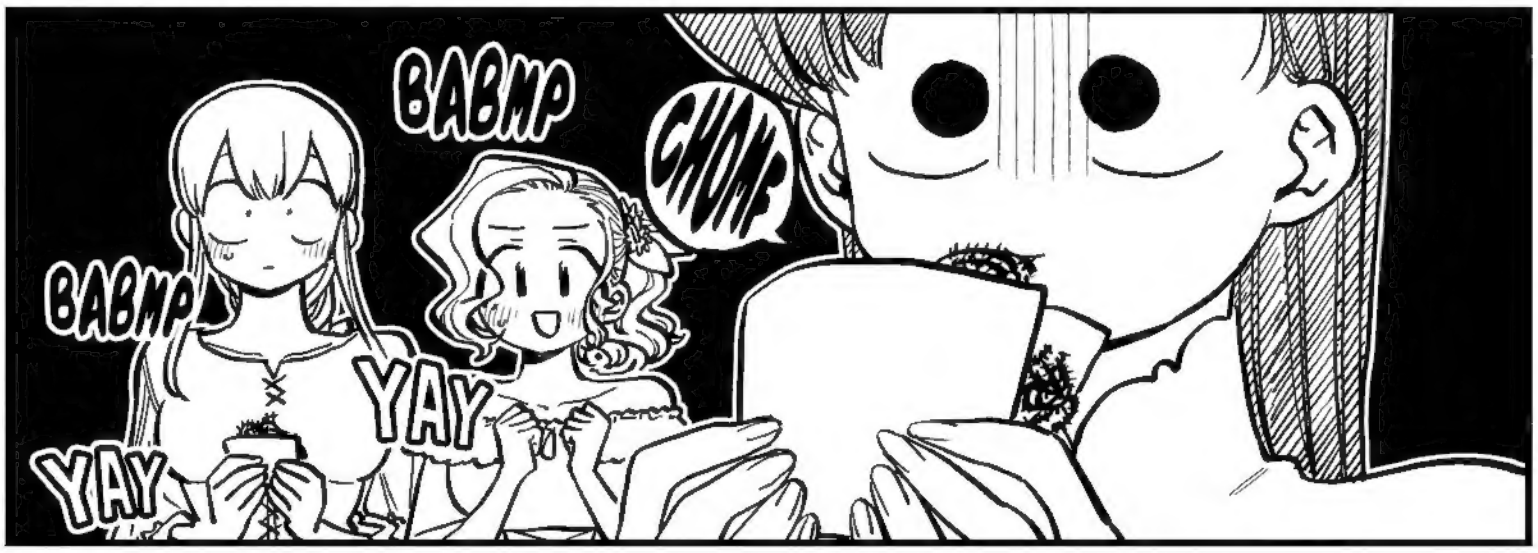

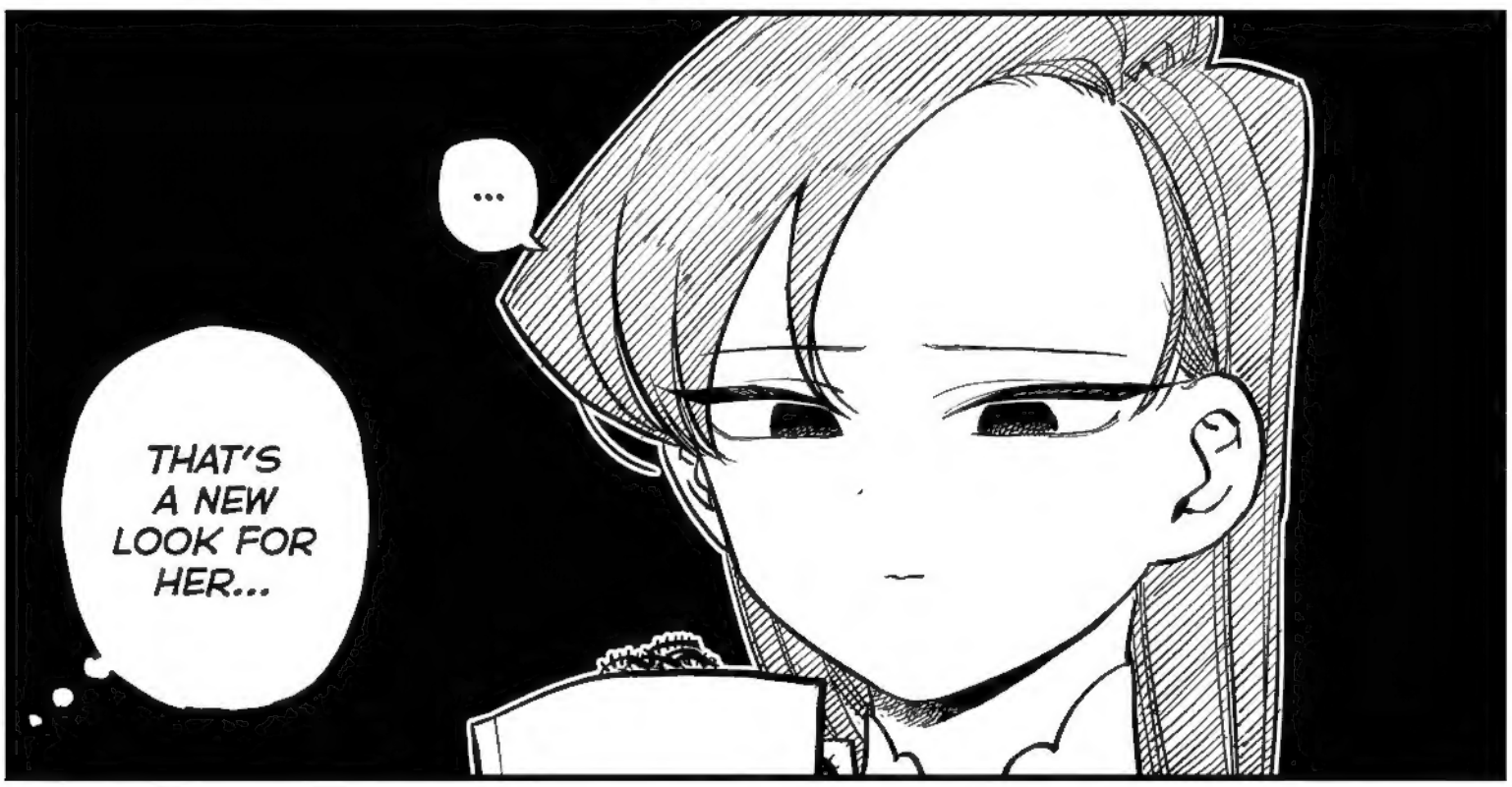

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